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HOME FLEET LEAVES INVERGORDON

Europe Prepares For Worst Despite Berlin Display Of Optimism

EUROPE TO-DAY IS STILL AT PEACE BUT ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE HOME FLEET HAS LEFT INVERGORDON AFTER A NIGHT OF FEVERISH ACTIVITY TAKING IN STORES FOR "A LONG CRUISE" MARKS THE EXTREME GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION.

France has ordered extensive mobilisation: all military leave has been stopped in Holland as a precautionary measure: Norwegian naval recruits who were to have been paid off next week after their term of service have been retained indefinitely: Belgium has called up technical experts for the Army, while the Cabinet is discussing precautionary measures.

An official report from Vienna proclaims that a Czech plane flew over Vienna during the morning and was forced to return by anti-aircraft fire.

Along the Czech-German border, according to Reuter's correspondent at Selb, firing continued intermittently the whole day through. The frontier from Meulabch to the region of Asch was aflame, with the Czech military and the Sudeten Free Corps in combat.

In spite of the blackness of the outlook, so reminiscent of the days prior to August 4, 1914, it is suggested in Berlin that Herr Hitler's "final offer" to Czecho-Slovakia is an offer of peace.

Tone of Mr. Chamberlain, who immediately on his return to London went into conference with the Inner Cabinet and arranged for a full meeting of the Cabinet later in the day, indicated however that it was an offer of peace on German terms, and while counselling persistence in search for a solution, held out little hope.

Expectation is that Parliament will be reassembled to-morrow.

Prime Minister's Bleak Message

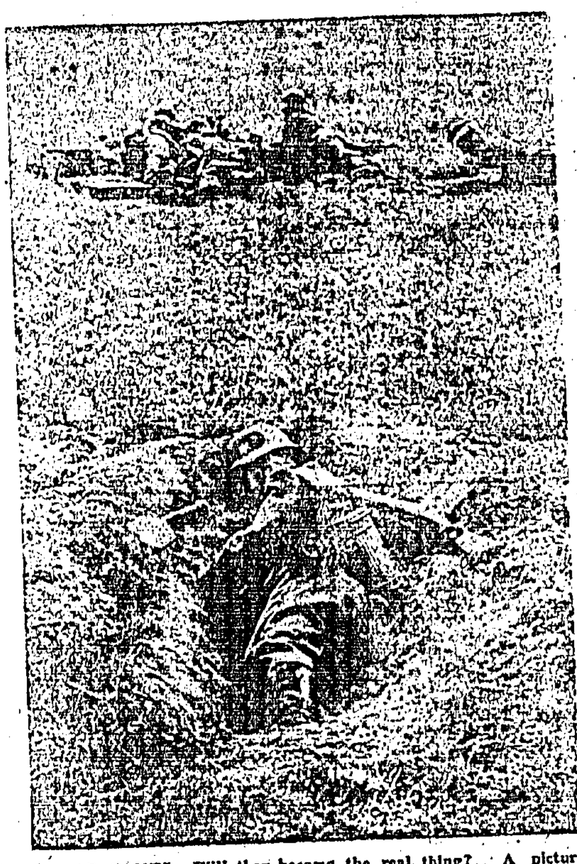
Koenigswinter, Yesterday.

"The communique issued last night was, of course, an agreed one. I am not in a position now to add thereto. I am returning to London, where I shall at once consult with my colleagues.

"During the next few days there is a grave responsibility upon everybody concerned to consider very carefully the issues that are at stake.

"We must still make great efforts to save the peace of Europe."

This was the message given by Mr. Chamberlain this morning, exclusively to Reuter, before his departure from Cologne Aerodrome on his way to London.—Reuter.



WAR GAMES. Will they become the real thing? A picture taken of German infantry during the present German manoeuvres—largest concentration of Reich troops since the Great War.

FRANCE ORDERS PARTIAL MOBILISATION

Paris, Yesterday.

Partial mobilisation orders have been posted in town halls throughout France, calling to the colours immediately certain categories of reservists.

This is the first time that French troops have been called to the colours by a general notice. It had previously been done by individual notifications.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, in a statement on the partial mobilisation, said:

"By reason of evolution of the situation abroad the Government has been led to reinforce precautionary measures already taken to ensure the security of our north-eastern frontier.

"The Government in particular has decided on the urgent calling up of certain categories of reservists of all classes. There is in no way a question of a general mobilisation.

"This calling up, which will be carried out by means of special posters, essentially concerns reservists holding mobilisation papers surcharged 'Two and Three.' Those concerned should join up without delay.

REQUISITIONS ORDERED

"Parallel to this measure and for the purpose of ensuring the troops means necessary for them, requisitions are being proceeded with in part of the national territory."

A certain number of railwaymen employed in the eastern system have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to carry out whatever duties may be required of them. — Reuter.

Trans-Ocean adds that the measure represents the final stage preceding general mobilisation, even if the latter is not implied by it.

Considerable nervousness was caused among the population here this morning by the announcement that the Government had decided to call up three classes of reservists.

The Government will await the reception accorded at Prague to the German memorandum remitted by Chancellor Hitler to Mr. Chamberlain for transmission to the Czecho-Slovak Cabinet, and remains meanwhile in closest touch with London.

Ten Divisions

Only paper this morning which indicated the possibility of calling up of further reserves was the "Petit Parisien." The paper at the same time pointed out that M. Daladier, the Premier, had emphasised his determination to reinforce the French Army on the eastern frontier to the extent of ten divisions.

The German military attache in Paris, according to the paper, had been informed of this decision.—Trans-Ocean.

CHAMBERLAIN BACK IN LONDON

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain and his suite arrived at Heston airport at 1.13 this afternoon after a flight of one hour 53 minutes.

The time of his arrival was not known, relatively few spectators had gathered.

The Premier was welcomed by Lord Halifax and the French Ambassador, M. Corbin.

Speaking into the microphone, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"My first duty now that I have come back is to report to the British and French Governments the result of my mission, and until I have done that it would be difficult for me to say anything about it.

"I will only say this—I trust all concerned will continue their efforts to solve the Czecho-Slovakian problem peacefully, because on that turns the peace of Europe in our time." — British Wireless.

Warsaw, Yesterday.

The Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, received the British, French and Japanese Ambassadors yesterday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

Feverish Activity On Exchange Market

London, Yesterday.

Nervousness surrounding the political situation resulted in feverish activity in foreign exchanges to-day.

Dealers were called to rush for United States dollars, "tremendous" transactions of a million dollars being fairly frequent.

The authorities were obliged to intervene on a very heavy scale to prevent even stronger appreciation of the dollar in terms of sterling.

Demand was partly on account of traders working on the theory that sterling would tend to be weaker should war break out. Furthermore, hoarders of gold continued to convert their holdings into dollars for reasons of safety.

Speculators availed themselves of the present trend by buying considerable amounts of dollars.

The bullion market this morning witnessed a comparatively small turnover, which was confined to speculative re-selling. Offers had to be taken up by the authorities as arbitrage was at a standstill, owing to the difficulty of insurance.

Trading in most commodities was negligible. Wheat prices were firmer owing to the reserve of sellers, but business was confined to some buying of futures, as c.i.f. trade is handicapped by uncertainty regarding insurance rates.

Sugar was actively firmer, and some trade buying of refined sugar caused covering in terminals.

Sisal strengthened on trade demand. —Reuter.

SIX DAYS' GRACE— MUSSOLINI

Rome, Yesterday.

Addressing Black Shirt students at Padua this morning, Signor Mussolini revealed that Herr Hitler had given Prague until October 1 to reply to the latest proposals for settlement of the Czech problem.

"There are exactly six days for authority in Prague to return to the path of wisdom, because it would really be absurd and, I add, criminal, if millions of Europeans have to hurl themselves at one another simply in order to maintain the overlordship of President Benes over Czecho-Slovakia.

"I know that any and all of you are ready for any event." (Cries of "Yes" and "At once"). Reuter.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The German memorandum which Herr Hitler handed to Mr. Chamberlain contains, so Reuter is informed in German political quarters, plans for putting into practice the proposals which recently were conceded to Germany.

The German plans, it is stated, are the final and last offer of peace to Prague.

If Prague declines to accept them, the responsibility for what follows will rest with Prague. If the Czechs accept, then peace will have been preserved. — Reuter.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The final communique of the Godesberg conversations between the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Adolf Hitler is published on the front page of German newspapers alongside the report of general mobilization in Czecho-Slovakia.

The Godesberg communique is described as a peace document pure and simple which, however, "is placed in jeopardy by the disastrous policy adopted by Prague as plainly illustrated in the order for general mobilization."

Moscow Dictate

German press opinion is convinced that the decision of the Prague rulers to make a general call to arms has been taken "at the dictate of Moscow and with object of provoking war."

The Godesberg communique reached Berlin editorial offices too late at night to permit of detailed comment, and hence the early issues this morning content themselves with underscoring that part of the communique say-

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SWISS KILLED BY YANGTSE RIVER PIRATES

SHANGHAI, YESTERDAY.

YANGTSE RIVER PIRATES KILLED MR. J. E. RAVETTA, 55-YEAR-OLD SWISS RESIDENT OF SHANGHAI, ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER ABOVE WOOSUNG LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Ravetta was shot and fell overboard, and the Chinese laodah was wounded, on board a Jardine silk lighter when twenty-three pirates in several junks attacked the craft near Changyinsha.

The body was recovered from the water by the Jardine steamer "Tungwo," and was brought to Shanghai at 7 o'clock this evening.

British Yangtse Patrol vessels hurried to the scene, and the pirates disembarked and fled inland. — Reuter.

BUDAPEST AIR RAID PRECAUTION

Budapest, Yesterday.

Significant of Hungarian views on the crisis was an emergency black-out ordered by the Government in Budapest and leading cities last night.

Budapest was kept in complete darkness throughout the night.

All officers have been recalled to their regiments.—Reuter.

Paris, Yesterday.

The French Cabinet met late last night. The Chief of the General Staff, General Gamelin, also took part in the session. — Trans-Ocean.

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Is YOUR CHILD a DREAMER?

By MARGARET CLIFTON

"The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts. . . ."

Children dream—are we wise to let them dream, or should they be faced with facts? Margaret Clifton discusses this interesting problem below.

I WAS scolding John because I had sent him on a message for something I needed quickly, and he had dallied on the way.

"But I met somebody, Mummy, and I had to talk to them."

"Whom did you meet?"

"My friends."

"Do you mean Douglas and Tony?"

"Oh, no, my pretend friends. They told me they knew a place where fairies lived, so I went to see, an' you know, Mummy, *there were fairies there!*"

I felt faced with a difficult situation. I could have said to John:

"Don't be a silly boy. There are no such things as fairies and those pretend friends of yours are all nonsense."

But I didn't. I felt I did not want to stifle his young imagination. Personally, I think the pretend games of childhood are too precious to be treated lightly and broken easily by grown-ups.

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DADDY says of John that he is a dreamer, that he will never get anywhere until "all those foolish fancies are knocked out of him." But, for once, I don't think I agree with Daddy. I know that he is looking at it from a man's point of view; he knows that sometime John will have to face hard, cold facts, make his way in the world and that dreams will not help him then.

But, to my way of thinking, the child who never dreams, whose imagination is stifled by parental checking before it is born, grows up without what I call "inward reserves of happiness."

When things go wrong, as they do, how much better if we have something to fall back on, something that is a legacy from our own childhood, cherished ideals and standards—"the stuff that dreams are made of."

If we stifle a child's dreams too much, we deny him something which might have flowered into a valuable quality in adult life.

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I KNOW that this is a controversial question. The modern idea is to bring children face to face with the facts of life at as early an age as possible. But does this not depend to a certain extent upon the type of child?

To my way of thinking, to tell the plain facts about life to a sensitive child at too early an age is to tax his thinking powers far too much. Let me explain what I mean.

John is six. Naturally, he has asked questions, when his baby sister arrived, and before that, when his brother arrived. Psychologists tell us that we should explain to a child exactly what happens when a baby is born whenever he asks his first questions.

Well, I have not done so. I have fallen back on the well-worn story of the stork, with which John, with his imaginative powers, can cope.

I felt that with his type of mind to tell the plain facts would have done more harm than good. They would have preyed on him. In his present stage of development he colours everything he hears with his vivid imagination; he varnishes facts until they resemble nothing like the original.

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THIS stage I know will pass, and when that happens and the practical side of his nature balances the dreaming side, then I will tell the facts of life. He will be better able to cope with them and will accept them as facts.

It would be interesting to know if any mother who has told her child at an early age the truth about birth finds that it has been successful, if it has stopped further questionings, if it has put little minds at rest.

These imaginary friends that John referred to when I asked why he had dallied over his errand, worry his Daddy more than me.

"Don't you think it shows a lack somewhere?" Daddy asked. "Does the boy get enough companionship and play? It seems morbid to me for a child to have imaginary friends. Are real ones not satisfying enough?"

"Not to a boy like John," I told Daddy. "Of course, he gets enough companionship; he has Peter and lots of school friends. It is just that these imaginary friends fill a need mentally."

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I WONDER if other mothers and fathers have children who talk to imaginary friends? Perhaps some would feel alarmed at somebody like John. Many times I hear him chatting away, describing his play to them, repeating his lessons.

But he is such a normal, happy child, that I feel no harm is being done.

After all, childhood must have its dreams and its pretence and its visions or it would be robbed of its charm and happiness. Don't you agree?

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Tasty Tea Ideas

I ALWAYS think it would be a good idea if we were a bit more international in our domestic ideas, particularly in the kitchen.

The other day I was talking to an Australian housewife, and we decided that our meals would be much more interesting if we swopped ideas.

"Your English teas, for example," she said. "You don't mind me saying so, but they seem a bit dull to me."

Well, I don't know what my readers think, but I was inclined to admit that charge, provided the critic has a remedy to offer.

This one had, and here are some simple ideas she gave for making the tea-party a little different.

TOASTED ASPARAGUS ROLLS

Ingredients: 1 loaf bread (either brown or white), butter, salt, pepper, 1 tin asparagus tips.

Cut wafer-thin slices of bread and butter. You will probably find it easier to cut very thin if you trim the crust off three sides of the loaf before starting to slice it.

Then take a piece of the buttered bread and roll it round a piece of asparagus, rather as you put pastry round the meat for a sausage roll. Trim the bread to an appropriate size.

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There's No Time

by RUTH GOETZ

MANY housewives know those last-minute rushes in getting the family off to the office and school in the morning, followed by starting the day late.

The natural consequences are fatigue and irritability for the rest of the day and the vision of housework seems endless. There's no time to get it all done, and certainly no chance of a rest.

Women office workers, too, know how that skimped breakfast and helter-skelter rush to the station can ruin the day as far as good work is concerned.

Men rarely have to suffer the same energetic outbursts—and there is one very good reason. They have to shave every morning. In that necessity they have unwittingly discovered a clue to the essential self-discipline and organisation required to conquer the nagging of Time. They simply have to get up earlier every morning if they are going to shave properly and safely.

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Both housewives and town workers should make a habit of early rising, and it is practice and perseverance that make it possible to get up without having to hurry.

Before breakfast it is easier to finish off and clear up at least one outstanding job. The mind is infinitely fresher and the body more energetic.

A deep-breathing exercise in front of an open window will tone up the system too.

Start the day right mentally by being fully dressed before going ahead with your work. This is very important.

Why not extend this self-discipline and make up a daily time-table to include every possible routine duty and banish the "No Time" dread?

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Take shopping for example. Select the time when the stores are least busy and can give the quickest service. Put that on the time-table and be strict with yourself when meeting neighbours. That "little chat" can quite easily disorganise your day and rob you of a rest in the afternoon.

Develop an insistence with traders for punctual delivery to save yourself fighting against the clock to get meals ready. Most shop assistants have a sympathetic understanding for housewives who know when they come in exactly what they want and are always more helpful, so saving time.

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Here is the outline of a suggested time-table.

Allow between 8 and 9 a.m. for preparing and having breakfast. As soon as the family has gone you can read the paper until 9.45. From then to 10.30 clear and wash-up; 10.30—12.30 beds, linen, dusting, brushing and other duties, and fit in the shopping at the best time. Towards 1 p.m. prepare lunch (a light one of vegetables, greens, fruit, rye bread; no meat or eggs makes a healthy change). From 2.30 until tea-time is your own. 5.30 can see the beginning of preparation of the evening meal to serve up at 7. As soon as the meal is over clear away and wash-up before that feeling that you cannot face the task steals over you.

Naturally every single housewife has her particular variation. But by developing self-organisation to suit yourself, and making it an ideal to stand by, you will be immune against Time's constant attempts to throw your day "out of gear."

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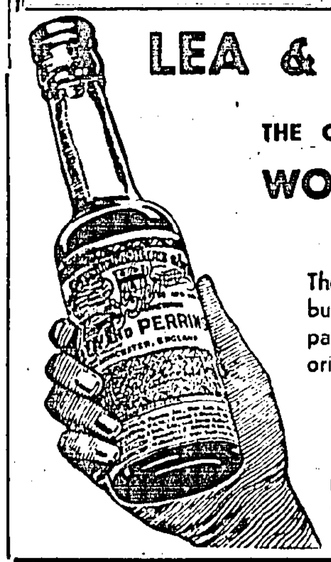

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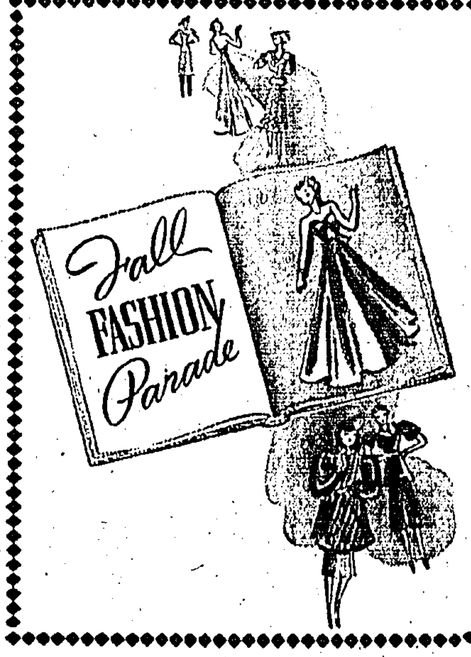

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FEAR, not unmanly fear, but none the less wearing, broods over Europe in these fateful days. The anxiety should not be so much about what Hitler has said, but about what he may do. This speech of menace must be judged in relation to what is actually in movement. It closes no door on evil. It marks time, while preparations are being completed. The dominant facts are military.

Germany is very largely mobilised. The Fleet is mobilised, the Air Force is ready, and two-thirds of the army are on a war footing. The economic and industrial organisation of the country and its general life approximate to conditions of war. The chiefs of the Nazi regime made these enormous demands upon their country, and nothing like it has happened before in time of peace.

It seems impossible that these extreme conditions could remain in their present tension for very long.

The armies must act, or they must disperse.

Winter is approaching, and after the middle of October the weather may become severe. Therefore it seems that the limit of time when these great forces are either launched in war, or sent to their homes, is very short.

If they are dispersed without some clear triumph, the Nazi regime, already the object of much criticism in Germany, will have sustained a rebuff which may affect its future life.

Step By Step Programme

Many credible witnesses declare that a programme is being enacted step by step. Certainly the troop movements which carried great forces from Central Germany to the Rhine frontier, and have produced very heavy concentrations all round Czecho-Slovakia, and particularly in the newly conquered Austrian Province, seem to be all part of a plan which will reach its climax before the end of the present month.

The time that is passing has been well spent by the mobilised troops in welding the reservists into the formations and shaking them together into flying efficiency. We must suppose that everything is ready, or will be ready in the next few days, for a converging attack upon Czecho-Slovakia with troops and weapons which the Nazi Party believe to be overwhelming. All that remains is for some bloody incident, or actual revolt, to be created at the moment prescribed by Hitler, and for the signal to advance to be given. It is not probable there would be any ultimatum. "When I strike," said Hitler a year ago in a little-remembered speech, "I shall not waste time like Mussolini in discussion. I shall strike like lightning in the night."

These are men of the new British Army photographed on manoeuvres at Morestead, Hants, last week, and already beginning to wonder how soon war games might suddenly develop into stark reality. The picture is interesting as showing the new hat cover just issued for camouflage purposes. (Air mail photo).

Determination To Fight

Inside the Czechoslovakian Republic, in the event of German military invasion, there is an absolute determination to fight for life and freedom. All their frontiers, even that opposite Austria, are well fortified. I am told that the Nazi conception of the onslaught upon this small neighbour, is pour in from all sides in great numbers, to plunge the German armoured divisions through some gap in the defences, and to blast Prague, and other ancient cities and towns with such a deluge of bombs from the air, that all resistance will collapse in a few days.

If this be their dream, it is likely to have an unpleasant awakening. Air bombardment may efface the monuments of Prague, may inflict hideous slaughter upon the women and children but it will not prevent all the defending troops from reaching their stations, nor will it turn brave men out of carefully fortified positions.

We see how stubbornly the Spanish Republicans are enduring an air bombardment to which they have no means of reply. But the Czechoslovakian army is one of the best equipped in the world. It has admirable tanks, anti-tank guns, and anti-aircraft artillery. This heroic people have long prepared themselves for the ordeal. Systems of concrete pill-boxes and solid entrenchments, if defended, cannot be taken at a run.

German Cost Would Be Heavy

It is always imprudent to attempt to forecast the unknown, but if the spirit of the Czechs has not been daunted by all the worry and pressure to which they have been subjected, three or four weeks and three or four hundred thousand casualties should be the least price in time and blood exacted from the invader.

I do not believe that such a spectacle could be witnessed impassively by the civilised world. Very few people outside Germany are now misled by Nazi propaganda. No doubt the disorders which precede the outrage will have been prepared with the same meticulous care as the military movements. It may be that as was prepared in the case of Austria, some attempt upon one of the Sudeto German leaders will be staged. But from the moment that the German troops attempt to cross the Czechoslovakian frontier, the whole scene will be transformed, and a roar of fury will arise from the free peoples of the world, which will proclaim nothing less than a crusade against the aggressor.

Inexpiable World War

To the wage-earning masses of every land, the word "Czecho-Slovakia" lately so unfamiliar to their ears, spells nothing less than "self-preservation."

Thus I believe that should these deep designs, now so remorselessly unfolding hour by hour, reach their appointed climax, Nazi Germany will find herself engaged in a world war, inexplable in its character.

Some people are still prepared to believe that Herr Hitler and his confederates would never dream of using violence against the Czechs; that these vast preparations are only after all small local manoeuvres entirely normal in their character, though perhaps a little extensive in their scale; and that soon the army will disperse. If that be true, then we may all rejoice. But on the assumption that it is not true, and that the crime is planned, and imminently, the question before us, is whether we can stop it, and how?

Plain, Brutal Language

The ordinary smooth and balanced phrases of diplomacy, with all their refinements and reserves, are of little use in dealing with the ferocious and desperate chiefs of German Nazidom. Only the most blunt, plain, even brutal language will make its effect. Moreover, whatever words are used must carry with them the conviction that they are spoken in deadly earnest. This time is no time to bluff.

Everyone will sympathise with the high-minded statesmen who have laboured so patiently for peace. But one must ask whether they would add appreciably to our dangers by declaring themselves unmistakeably, while time remains. If, for instance, Great Britain, France and Russia were even now to present a joint or simultaneous note to Herr Hitler, setting forth that a military attack on Czechoslovakia would immediately be followed by common action; and if at the same time President Roosevelt would proclaim that this note carried with it the moral sympathy of the United States, with all that would follow therefrom—there would be good hopes, if not indeed almost a certainty, of warding off the catastrophe which threatens to engulf our civilisation.

Why Should We Wait?

Why should we wait till the worst has happened before being ready to run risks? May not risks be run for peace, as great as those which if the worst happens will be run for peace, as great as those assuredly be run for victory?

If this moment is lost through hesitancy, however well-meaning, and a world war should come, as come it may, in the next few days, how vain will be the reproaches and regrets, how vast the tragedy of mankind!

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The Rt. Hon. Mr. Winston Churchill, P. C. wrote this striking article on the Czechoslovak Crisis last week. He has since in public proclaimed himself as hostile to the Chamberlain policy.

FRITTO MISTO

["The Italian race has remained pure for the last 2,000 years." *La Difesa Della Razza, Rome.*]

When Alaric mopped up in Rome
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Invaders of 2,000 years,
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left fewer racial souvenirs
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The mothers of the Coming race,
abhorred miscegenation
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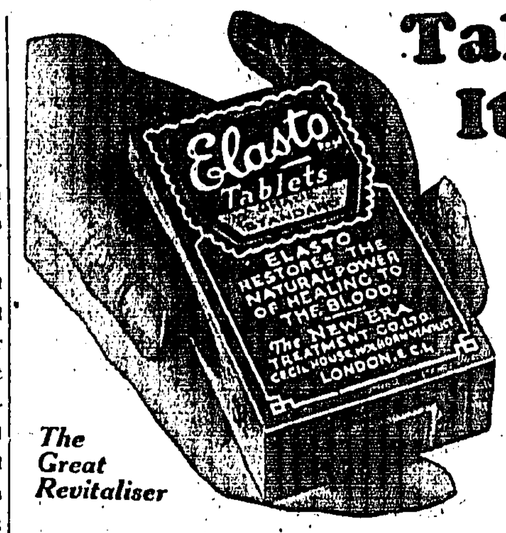
Parthenogenation.

Thus their posterity retains
No trace of alien foeman,
Not fifty-seven Heinz-like strains
but just the antique Roman . . .
So Fascists learn eugenic lore
and racial baloney,
and hope to look like Caesar more
and less like Al Capone.

Reynard in "World Review."



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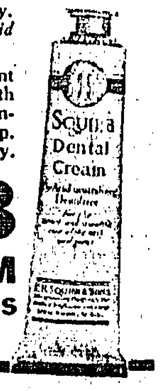

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Mr. G. Ward Price Denies There Is Reason For Panic

SAYS HITLER HAS GIVEN SCOPE FOR SETTLEMENT

London, Yesterday.

A message published by the "Daily Mail" from its special correspondent in Godesberg, Mr. G. Ward Price, gives details of the memorandum remitted by Chancellor Hitler to Mr. Chamberlain in the course of their conversation last night and which has been forwarded to the Prague Government.

The message is stated to be based on information furnished by the head of the Reich press bureau, Dr. Dietrich, and Professor Boemer.

Mr. Ward Price begins his message by saying that the paper would render a service to the world by dissipating the panic which is in no way justified by the serene atmosphere prevailing in the Hotel Dreesen at Godesberg. Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain were, at the time of sending the message, discussing means of maintaining peace and not of preparing war.

Mr. Chamberlain had before him the memorandum of Chancellor Hitler, which had been remitted to him on his arrival. In this memorandum, which will be published, Hitler undertakes not to resort, at least for some days, to any violent measures against the Czechs.

OCCUPATION OF SUDETENLAND

The memorandum proposes the progressive removal of Czech troops from the Sudeten German area and the occupation of the latter by successive stages by German troops.

The message stresses that the difference between the British and German standpoints is not one of principle but only of method.

England was obliged to take certain precautionary measures, but if the Czechs are reasonable and are willing to evacuate Sudeten German territory, conceded to Germany by the London plan, no conflict would arise.

Mr. Chamberlain had not identified himself with the memorandum but objections previously raised by him had been discussed in a friendly spirit during the evening between Herr von Ribbentrop, Sir Horace Wilson and Sir Nevile Henderson.

GREAT URGENCY

The matter of greatest urgency was to prevent precipitate action by the Czech Government which would be warned by Mr. Chamberlain against any such course conformably with the British Government's expectation that it would accept the demand to evacuate the Sudeten area within a certain time limit.

Mr. Ward Price concludes by saying that both Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain are for peace, and that it will be necessary to begin without delay the task of repairing the damage caused by the unwarranted panic of public opinion outside Germany.

In reply to Mr. Ward Price's question whether a further meeting is contemplated between Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain, it was stated by Dr. Dietrich that if Mr. Chamberlain assented to the German memorandum and if the Czechs did not compel Germany to resort to arms, no further meeting would be necessary.—Trans-Ocean.

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make a decision."

Later editions did not paint a picture so black as some hours previously, and where the papers spoke in the early editions of a breakdown, they now declare there is a breathing space.

"The Times" talks of "a new turn" and "a hopeful development," but the leading articles of various news organs show restraint and uncertainty pending the Prime Minister's return to London, and await his report to the Cabinet, when a date will be settled for summoning Parliament, which it is thought may be convened next Monday as most of the members of the House of Commons have cut short their holidays and are now in London.—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH BRIGADE. Hungary's famous "Death Brigade," elite of the army, who are pledged to fight to the very end and not to yield to the enemy an inch. Their regimental hat-badge is the skull and crossbones. (Copyright by Air Mail).

FRANCO-JAPANESE TENSION IN TIENTSIN

Threat To Break Into Concession

Soldiers And Police In Fracas

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Tension existing between French and Japanese residents in Tientsin was heightened last night as the French authorities closed the Concession gates against angry Japanese who had attended a mass meeting in Yamato Park.

The meeting followed an incident on the International Bridge involving Japanese soldiers and French municipal police.

The dispute occurred when a Japanese military lorry was momentarily delayed to prevent a traffic jam.

The occupants of the lorry are alleged to have engaged in a fracas with a Chinese member of the French police assisted by foreign passers-by.

Subsequently Japanese reservists assumed a leading part in an indignation meeting in the park in the Japanese Concession, when the French were hotly denounced.

EXPECTING TROUBLE

The British and French authorities had been expecting some incident since expiration of the warning to Japanese residents to withdraw from their areas forthwith.

The iron gates on the boundaries were closed, and all persons entering, closely examined.

Later in the evening groups of Japanese, stirred up by oratory at the mass meeting, threatened to break down the gates, and the situation became dangerous on two occasions.

Finally the Japanese retired to their homes, and the remainder of the night passed off quietly. — Reuter.

NEW TURN— A BREATHING SPACE

London, Yesterday.

A certain amount of optimism over finding a peaceful solution to the Czech problem was manifested when the final communique on the Godesberg conversations between the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and the Fuehrer was published in the early hours of this morning, and dispelled misgivings in political circles here, which had been caused by the mobilisation in Czecho-Slovakia.

Wild rumours were published in the early morning editions that the negotiations had broken down but on receipt of the communique, the printing machines were stopped, alterations hastily made and the editions were speedily printed prominently featuring the official communique and the Prime Minister's statement to press representatives in the Hotel Petersberg that the situation was "by no means hopeless" and that "it was now for Prague to

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HENLEIN MANIFESTO

Berlin, Yesterday.

The leader of the Sudeten Germans, Konrad Henlein, made the following appeal to his compatriots in the early hours of this morning: "Dr. Benes has played his last card in his game of hazard. Supported by his unconstitutional military government, he has proclaimed general mobilisation.

"You, my compatriots at home, know what the issue is. No German will shoot at a German, no Magyar at a Magyar, no Pole at a Pole.

"Dr. Benes has no right to force you to commit fratricide. No German will obey his mobilisation order. Very soon you will be free."—Trans-Ocean.

German Circles Satisfied

Godesberg, Yesterday.

A general feeling of relief followed publication of the Anglo-German communique shortly before 2 o'clock this morning.

German circles were extremely confident throughout and remained perfectly calm.

The final conversation of the Fuehrer with Mr. Chamberlain, which began at 10 o'clock last night and lasted nearly four hours, had, however, caused a certain amount of anxiety again, as political circles realised its tremendous importance.

The length of the conversation led to the conviction that the whole complex of questions was probably being considered with the utmost clarity and precision. Moreover, it is extremely important that German officials refrained from expressing any opinion as to the outcome of the negotiations, and any further statements regarding the communique.

The intention is evidently to let the German public realise the supreme importance of events at Godesberg without further details or expressing any views for the present.

A number of high officials of the German Foreign Office and the Propaganda Ministry left by air for Berlin immediately after the conclusion of the conversations and publication of the communique. — Trans-Ocean.

MUSSOLINI SEES CHANCE OF SUN BREAKING THROUGH WAR CLOUDS

Milan, Yesterday.

Signor Mussolini delivered a speech to-day in the ancient university town of Padua before upwards of 300,000 people.

Il Duce prefaced his utterances by saying that the international situation presented an aspect similar to that of the morning's weather in Padua, when the sky was clouded but there was none the less a possibility of the sun breaking through the clouds at any moment.

Mussolini went on to say that General Sirovy was now at the head of the Prague Government. His first acts had been to decree general mobilisation and organise a reign of terror in the Sudeten German areas. In view of this situation, Germany had now displayed extraordinary moderation.

The German Government had now addressed certain demands to Prague and had given the Czecho-Slovak Government time to reply till October 1.

Hence Prague had six days within which to return to reason.

GERMAN PATIENCE

Germany's patience he said, should not be misinterpreted. Irresponsibility was the keynote of the democratic regime in which every party sought to shift the responsibility on to its opponents. Such a shifting of responsibility was impossible in an Authoritarian State.

If war should break out it would be possible to localise it. But if the Western democracies believe that the time has now come to settle accounts with the authoritarian States they will find themselves up against two nations which formed one solid bloc.

Mussolini concluded with the unveiled threat that: "If there should be in Italy grumblers and so-called bourgeois, they will be rendered innocuous." — Trans-Ocean.

Germany Preparing For The Explosion?

Berlin, Yesterday.

Political circles here emphasise that after the Godesberg conversations had clearly proved that Britain and France had agreed to cession of Sudeten German territories to the Reich, responsibility for further development of the European situation rests exclusively with Prague.

It is stressed that between Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain, and consequently between the German Government on the one hand and the British and French Governments on the other, complete agreement prevails that the German territories must be separated from Czecho-Slovakia.

This principle was unrestrictedly accepted during the Godesberg negotiations.

It is pointed out that in marked contrast with the calm atmosphere prevailing at Godesberg, panic has been created in Prague, with the manifest intention of obstructing the joint efforts of Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain on behalf of peace.

It is stressed that if the Prague Government, after having accepted in principle the separation of German territories from the Republic, should now "under the influence of another Power" adopt a different attitude, and thus prevent the carrying out of the peace plan, then the Czech Government alone must bear the responsibility for all consequences which may ensue.—Trans-Ocean.

CZECHS CUT OFF EXCEPT BY RADIO

Berlin, Yesterday.

Since all telegraphic and telephonic communications between Czecho-Slovakia and foreign countries have been interrupted, news broadcast from Czech stations is the only direct source of information regarding events in Czecho-Slovakia.

According to broadcast messages from Prague, mobilisation is proceeding normally throughout the country. Majority of the soldiers had already reached the destinations assigned them early this morning.

It was added that many reservists of German nationality were also obeying the order.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER TAKES CORDIAL LEAVE OF PREMIER

Godesberg, Yesterday.

The conversation between the Fuehrer and Mr. Chamberlain, in which the Reich Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, and the British Ambassador in Berlin, Sir Nevile Henderson, took part, was attended part of the time also by the Secretary of State of the German Foreign Office, Freiherr von Weizsaecker, and the British Prime Minister's personal adviser, Sir Horace Wilson.

The remaining members of the Premier's staff and German high officials were in other rooms of the Hotel Dreesen while the deliberations were proceeding.

At 1.28 this morning the Fuehrer and Mr. Chamberlain left the conference room, their appearance having been anxiously awaited.

The Fuehrer accompanied the Prime Minister through the hotel hall to his car, where he took cordial leave of his guest, to whom he wished a pleasant return trip.

The flashlights of photographers lit up the night as Mr. Chamberlain drove away from the hotel, accompanied by Sir Nevile Henderson, who sat next to him, and the Chief of Protocol Minister, Freiherr von Doernberg, in the front seat.

The rest of the Prime Minister's staff followed in other cars driving along the Rhine and then over the river to the Hotel Petersberg. —Trans-Ocean.

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CHINA EXPECTS LEAGUE TO LIVE UP TO COVENANT

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FREAKS OF FATE IN WUCHOW BOMBING

Vagaries of fate were grimly demonstrated during the recent bombing of the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, says the "Sunday Herald" correspondent.

There were 117 in-patients in the hospital, into the compound of which 13 bombs dropped, and not one was killed. Three coolies employees of the hospital were injured.

Two persons were, however, killed. They were a woman and her baby, who had run in from outside to seek refuge!

Within two hours, most of the patients had fled!

This was providential, in a way, for over eighty wounded were later handled from the city.

DALADIER VISIT

London, Yesterday.

The "Daily Mail" reports that the French Premier, M. Daladier, will probably proceed to London by plane to-day to consult with Mr. Chamberlain.—Trans-Ocean.

Plain Speaking By Dr. H. H. Kung

Chungking, Yesterday.

"China expected the League's faithful performance of its duties as defined in the Covenant," declared Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, in a statement to Reuter to-day.

Dr. Kung stated that China had always been a faithful supporter of the League because she believed it embodied an ideal of international life which must prevail if the nations were to enjoy peace and security.

Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Premier. . . . The hour is not one for academic phrases or pious hopes.

The League's failure to deal effectively with Japan's aggression in Manchuria in 1931 had encouraged the unbridled release of the forces of war and aggression, and the Far Eastern conflagration and the present grave European crisis were direct results of that failure.

Unless the tendency towards moral bankruptcy was quickly checked, mankind would be thrown into another catastrophe greater than ever.

Dr. Kung said that China had appealed for application of Article XVII of the Covenant, and the League had decided to comply with China's request.

HOUR COME

He added: "The hour has come for concrete action and not academic phrases or pious hopes. If the League proves of value at this critical moment in the world's history, this opportunity must not again be dissipated in words without deeds." — Reuter.

LONDON EXCITED BY CRISIS

London, Yesterday.

Developments are being followed with breathless attention here and the early evening editions of the London papers sold in such numbers that all previous circulation records have been broken.

The papers issued new editions with the latest news every 30 minutes.

The announcement that the resumption of the conversations between Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler had been postponed, naturally augmented the nervous excitement here.

According to reports from British press correspondents in Godesberg, hour after the Fuehrer's reply to Mr. Chamberlain's letter had been received by the British Premier, a motorcar flying the British flag had driven up to the Hotel Dreesen and it is believed that a second message from Chamberlain was delivered to the Fuehrer.

Alarm was caused here by the news that the Chief of the French military mission in Czecho-Slovakia General Faucher, had resigned his commission in the French army and offered his services to the Czech army.

Rumours circulating regarding the alleged entry of German troops into Sudeten German regions one emphatically denied by official German representatives. — Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT TO INSURE WAR RISK CARGOES

London, Yesterday.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade has addressed a letter to Sir Keith Price, who led a deputation from the London Chamber of Commerce and other bodies on Wednesday last, on the subject of marine war risks insurance.

In the letter he says: "I should like to confirm the statement made to the deputation that in the event of this country being engaged in a major war, the Government intend to open an office immediately for insurance of cargoes against war risks." — British Wireless.

CHAMBERLAIN WANTED DOCUMENTARY PROOF

Godesberg, Yesterday.

The whole of yesterday the proceedings here were completely dominated by the exchange of correspondence between Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler.

The methods of exchange of letters was apparently adopted by Mr. Chamberlain in order to obtain from the German side some documentary evidence accounting for his attitude, as tangible evidence of great importance not only in connection with the inner political situation in England but also for co-operation between London and Paris.

It is stated that from Petersberg, Mr. Chamberlain's headquarters, very exhaustive telephone conversations were held with Whitehall and the Quai d'Orsay.—Trans-Ocean.

REICH ARMY C.IN.C. ON HIS HONEYMOON

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, General von Brauchitsch, was married yesterday at Bad Salzbrunn to Frau Charlotte Schmidt, the daughter of the retired district court director Rueffer, of Bolkenhain, in Silesia.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. J. H. POTTS BURGLED

Mr. J. H. Potts, of High House, Mount Davis Road, was the victim of a burglar on Friday night. A fountain pen, a wrist watch and a suit of clothes were stolen from his residence.

London, Yesterday.

According to Imperial Airways, their liner Heracles left Prague yesterday afternoon for London with 15 women members of the British colony in Prague.—British Wireless.

Chamberlain Hint Of Futility Of Talk

London, Yesterday.

The developments that culminated in the despatch of Mr. Chamberlain's letter to the Fuehrer were described as follows in a semi-official statement.

Mr. Chamberlain's decision to address a letter to the Fuehrer was prompted by the course taken by the verbal negotiations on Thursday. Mr. Chamberlain wished to define the situation such as presented itself after the conclusion of the conversations on Thursday in a precise written statement.

It is pointed out moreover, that in the view of the British side, the conversations could not be resumed before a reply to Mr. Chamberlain's letter had been received.

It is intimated, moreover, that the question of eventual German troop movements in Czechoslovakia was brought up during the conversation at Godesberg on Thursday.—Trans-Ocean.

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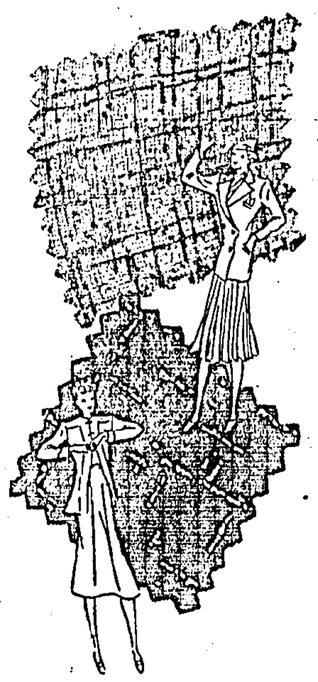

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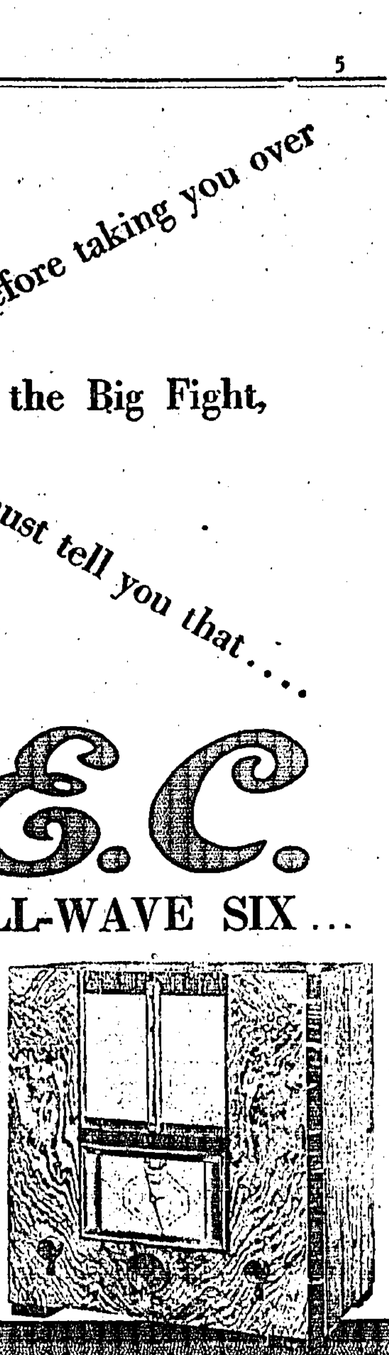

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About	$	$
	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 332.	Boundary Street.	As per sale plan				5,880	68	16,470

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of September, 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposa of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, ($200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	E.	S.	W.	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about	$	$
	Inland Lot No. 415	Middle Gap Road, Mount Cameron.	As per sale plan				8,000	92	980

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NOTICE

WATER SUPPLY

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that commencing on MONDAY, 26th September the hours of supply to all districts on the Island and in Kowloon and New Kowloon will be 6-10 A.M. and 1-8 P.M.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 23rd Sept., 1938.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Undersigned have received instructions from Madame Chiffon to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, 26th September, 1938,
commencing at 10.00 a.m.
at her shop,
Gloucester Building, Pedder Street.

A Quantity of Ready made dresses, Dress Materials, Haberdashery and Sundries,

also

Shop furniture and shop fittings

On view on day of sale.
Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 25th Sept., 1938.

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	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 413.	Tam kung Road and Ma Tau Chung Road, Ma Tau Kok.	As per sale plan				42,310	173	27,502

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
THERAPION No.1
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No. 1 Cures Diabetes. No. 2 Cures Pulmonary Tuberculosis. No. 3 Cures Chronic Weakness. Health Price 5s. Obtainable at either No. 1 or No. 2 Mill. DR. LE CLERC Med. Co. Hammersmith, S.W. London.
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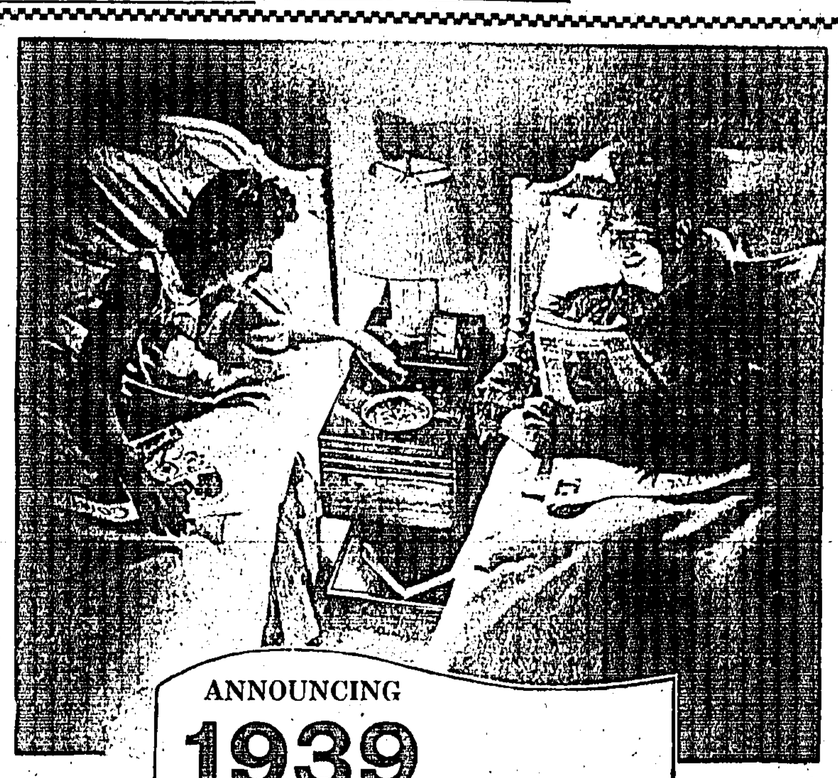

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SCHOOL

EATCO ENGLISH SCHOOL, 70, Argyle Street, Kowloon, opening tomorrow, has still a few vacancies for Class 8 boys and girls. Fees: $7.50 per quarter. Entry forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Principal. Interview to-day.

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HONG KONG LANGUAGE SCHOOL —Private study or classwork available under trained teachers of Mandarin or Cantonese. Telephone our city office, No. 27388, Room 605, National Commercial & Savings Bank Bldg.

EXPERT instructresses for ladies and young girls in music, shorthand, typing, bookkeeping and English and French. Apply 24 Austin Road, Kowloon.

CHURCHES

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

(A Branch of the Mother Church The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass).

Macdonnell Road, by Macdonnell Road Tram Station.
Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m.
Sunday School is held at 10 a.m.
Subject:—"REALITY".

Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Buildings, 10 Des Voeux Road, Central, and is open as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
And Friday
10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday
10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday
10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

All authorised Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room.

The Public is cordially invited to attend the Services and visit the Reading Room.

NOTICE

EDUCATIONAL.

INSTITUTE OF BOOKKEEPERS, LONDON 9-Month courses for the June 1939 examinations based on the new syllabus now available at the School of Accountancy and Commerce, Kowloon. Free Prospectus. Telephone 50855.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

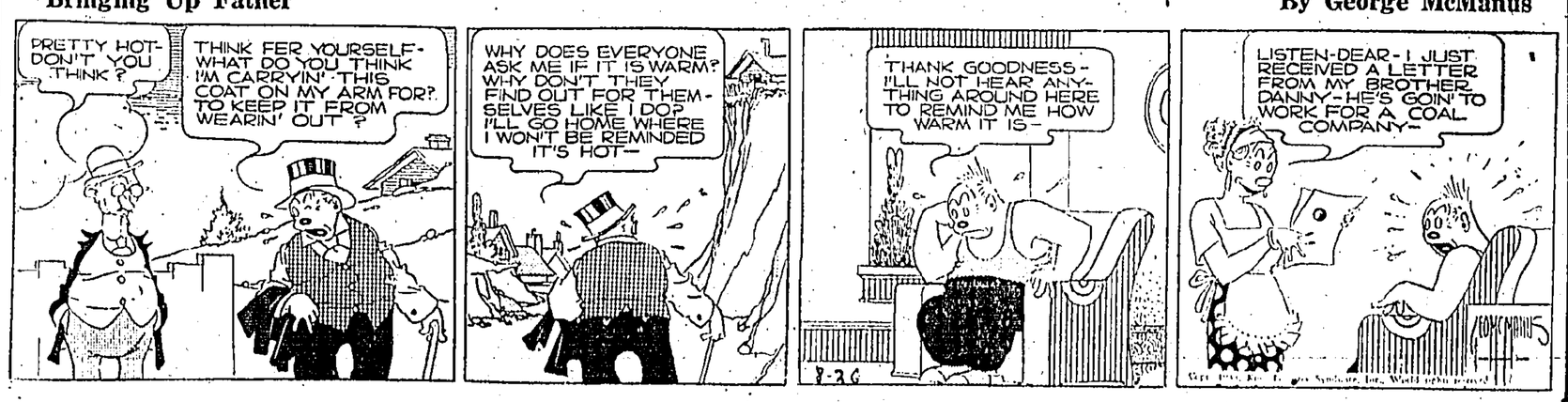
DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 8th and MONDAY, 10th October, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 29th September, 1938.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th Sept., 1938.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



THIS COMIC STRIP IS A DAILY FEATURE IN THE China Mail

Friction Develops In Local Chinese Women's War Relief Organisation

Majority Of Leading Lights Tender Resignation

The great majority of the leading Chinese lady residents of the Colony have resigned from the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association, as the result of friction which developed at the annual meeting held last week.

In an authoritative statement released to the "Sunday Herald" last night, it was stated: "The meeting was called for tne purpose of giving a report of the work and the finances of the association for the past year.

"Proposals were put forward by certain new members which involved the amendment of the constitution of the association, and the complete reorganisation of the association.

"The Chairman of the meeting drew attention to the fact that no previous notice of such proposals were given, and that the power to amend the constitution vests in the Executive Committee.

PROPOSALS CARRIED

"In spite of the warning of the Chairman the proposals were carried.

"As a result there was dissatisfaction amongst the members of the Executive Committee and the various Committees, many of whom subsequently resigned. We understand that the Administrative advisers, The Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, The Hon. Dr. Li Shu Fan, Sir Shouson Chow and Dr. S. W. Tso have also resigned."

Notice has since been given that the following have resigned as officers and members of the Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association.

Promotors:—Mrs. S. W. Tso, Mrs. Li Shu Fan, Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Mrs. S. C. Waung, Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Bang How, Mrs. Violet Chan and Mrs. H. Cheng.

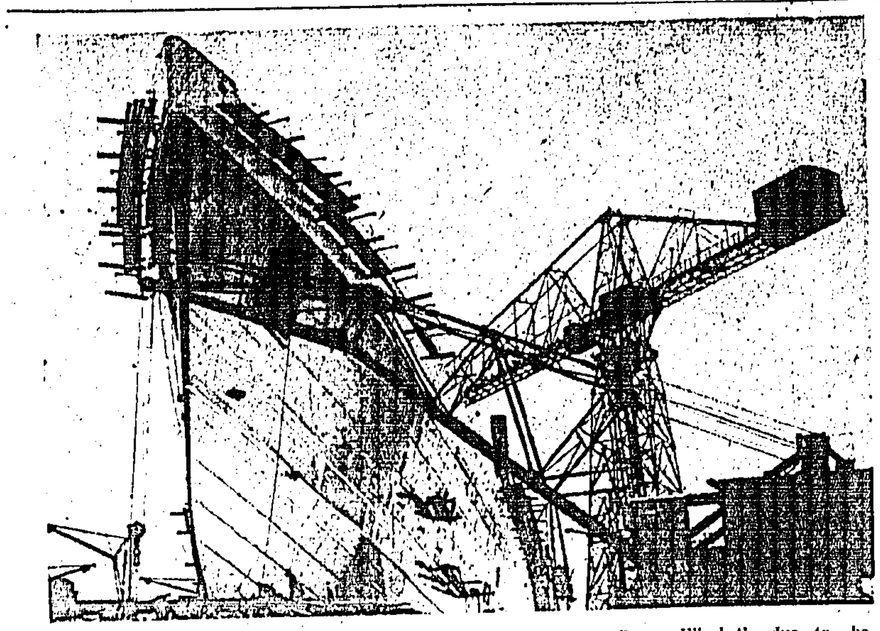
Board of Chairmen:—Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Li Shu Pui and Mrs. Lambert Gockchin.

Standing Committee:—Mrs. Ho Pak Ping, Mrs. Pauline Yee, Mrs. Chan Fung Chau, Mrs. H. Cheng, Mrs. Ho Cheuk, Mrs. H. S. Yung, Mrs. Bang How and Miss Tso.

Finance Committee:—Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Li Shu Fan, Mrs. Li Tze Fong, Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Eu Tong Sen, Mrs. Li Shu Pui, Mrs. S. C. Waung, Mrs. H. Leung and Mrs. Y. K. Chow.

Executive Committee Members:—Mrs. Ho Leung, Mrs. Kwok Lam Sheung, Mrs. Ho Sai Wah, Mrs. Sydney Ng Quin, Mrs. Choy Tung Sang, Miss Lula Wong, Mrs. Ho Ki, Mrs. Arthur Woo, Mrs. Lo Tung Fan, Mrs. Chan Hin Suen, Mrs. Cheng Tzo Sheung, Miss Mei Yung, Miss Suo Ming and Mrs. Lai San Tim.

Members:—Lady Ho Tung, Dr. Eva Ho Tung, Mrs. Ho Iu, Miss Irene Ho Tung, Mrs. Ho Wing, Mrs. Diana Sum, Mrs. Ho Sai Lai, Mrs. Ho King Chung, Mrs. Chan Siu Ting, Miss Ho, Miss Hung Lai Kwan, Miss Ho Wing Kwai, Miss Lam Yim Mui, Miss Chu Lai Kam, Miss Fung Yin Oi, Miss Kwok Wai Tsun, Mrs. Ng Chor Chi, Mrs. N. L. Lau, Mrs. Kan Shung Han, Mrs. Wong Kwok Yiu, Mrs. Leung Kam Pui, Mrs. Lo Man Hin, Mrs. Chow Kwok Wing, Mrs. Fung, Mrs. Cheng Wing Kwai, Mrs. Choy Lim Ching, Miss Hung Ki Ying, Miss Ho Che Kwan, Miss Ho Yee Kwan, Miss Unic Cheng Miss Cheng Hon Ying, Miss Wong Hoo Yu, and Miss Chan Po Wah, Miss Lo Mo Yuen, Miss Shu Ng She, Mrs. Leung Cho She, Mrs. Ho Tin Sang, Mrs. Leung Kee Ho, Mrs. Lai Chi Chin, Mrs. Kwok Lam Po, Mrs. Wm. Yinson Lee, Mrs. Tang Chu, Mrs. Cheung Kung Yung, Mrs. Lam Wai Shing, Miss Mary Li, Miss Wan Wai Fong, Miss Lee Kam Yung, Miss Lo Mo Yu, Miss Pui Fong Sui, Mrs. Che Mak She, Mrs. Fung Kwok Wah, Mrs. Tsang Yung, Mrs. Li Kwok Hong, Mrs. Wong Tze Chuen, Mrs. Chow Cheng Lam, Mrs. Harry Hong Sling, Mrs. Kwan Chee Wun, Miss Frances Lau, Miss Chan Man Ha, Miss Wong Sun Ying, Miss Lai Tak Kan and others.



WILL SHE BE LAUNCHED? The new Cunard-White Star liner, Queen Elizabeth, due to be launched by Her Majesty the Queen on Tuesday. The Queen's return to Scotland was cancelled yesterday owing to the political situation. (Air Mail. Copyright).

These youngsters seem to have started early, but it is only pop. Our photographer snapped this pic ture during the Army schools' swimming sports at the U.S.R.C.

HONG KONG INTERESTED IN JAPANESE INTEREST IN LOCAL JUNK LICENCES

("Sunday Herald" Special)

". . . . Several Japanese sailors boarded the junk, and took away the licence. . . ."

This seemingly insignificant statement, which has conclude reports concerning Japanese attacks on Hong Kong Registered junks outside British waters has occurred so frequently recently, the "Sunday Herald" learns reliably, as to be now occupying the close attention of the local authorities.

The Government, it is said, is investigating allegations that, armed with stolen junk licences, the Japanese are operating Formosan-manned craft close to the waters of the Colony in the guise of Hong Kong junk folk.

A junk licence has the name of the owner on it but no photograph, thus making it for practicable purposes transferable.

It is not surprising that the taking away of junk licences from junks captured by the Japanese navy, is regarded with interest by the local authorities.

According to information in the hands of the Hong Kong Fishermen's Union, junks manned by Formosans and armed with stolen licences, have been and are visiting islands close to British waters.

At about 8 a.m. on Friday, junk No. 169, owned by Chan Chau-lee, was stopped by a Japanese warship near Pui Toi in Chinese waters. The gunboat fired across the bows of the junk forcing it to stop. Several sailors boarded and took away the licence. No damage was done.

It is estimated that over 50 Hong Kong junk licences are now in the hands of the Japanese Navy.

GUERILLA ATTACK ON TIENTSIN BUS

Hankow, Yesterday.

Two Japanese buses were attacked by Chinese guerillas at the east station and in the southeast corner of Tientsin, resulting in a number of casualties, according to a Tientsin message.—Central News.

THOUGHTS FOR A LADY ATTAINING HER FORTIETH BIRTHDAY

"Grow lovely growing old,
So many fine things do.
Laces, and ivory and gold,
And silks need not be new.
There is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamour hold,
If all of these, then why not we
Grow lovely growing old."

ANON.

RUBBER INDUSTRY IN PICTURES

A highly interesting film dealing with the rubber industry from the tree-tapping stage to final production in the form of tyres, etc. sporting outfits, and the myriad other articles in which rubber is the primary constituent, was shown at the Queen's Theatre yesterday morning.

Some hundreds of people saw the production, the Dunlop Jubilee Film, which opened with an impression of events in the life of J. B. Dunlop when he was directly concerned with the development of the pneumatic tyre, and from this passing through all the stages of production and manufacture.

It was generally conceded to be of the finest films of this instructional type.

THREW BOILING WATER ON OLD MAN

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday a 42-year-old married woman, Chung Mui, was charged with unlawfully and maliciously assaulting Yip King an old man, by throwing a kettle of boiling water on him.

It was alleged that the woman assaulted him after they had a quarrel over money.

She was ordered to sign a bond of $50 to keep the peace and to be of good behaviour for one year, and to pay $10 compensation.

600 DEAD IN HURRICANE

New York, Yesterday.

The death-roll in the hurricane which struck the east coast of the United States is now nearly 600, while 60,000 are homeless and damage is estimated at U.S.$40,000,000.

A number of districts are still isolated by floods but the rivers are falling.—Reuter.

Cost Of Living Inquiry

QUESTIONNAIRE ISSUED

(Special To The "Herald")

Government is co-operating with undergraduates who are studying economics at the University of Hong Kong and are engaged in trying to establish the present cost of living among the Chinese community in the Colony.

Students, it is understood, requested the aid of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and subsequently printed forms were handed to the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce for distribution among employees of different business houses and other organisations.

The forms contain questions covering the employment, earnings, rent, clothing, all household expenses, and monthly food consumption, of the householder and family.

These forms will be distributed in the next day or two and a report will be issued later concerning the results.

Police To Launch H.K. Safety Week

THE ANNUAL "SAFETY WEEK" CAMPAIGN WILL SHORTLY BE LAUNCHED BY THE HONG KONG POLICE IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY, AND WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE SAME LINES AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

Fatal accidents and cases of excessive speeding have lately been decreasing, according to official reports which attribute this pleasing fact to measures taken and to public co-operation with the police.

However, the Traffic Department is still concerned about car parks, which remain insufficient to cope with the increasing number of private cars in the Colony.

The problem is being studied anew with the object of allotting additional space in the Central District for car parks.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY GAMBLING EVIL IN H.K.

("Sunday Herald" Special)

Organised gambling in the Colony has now grown to such serious proportions that drastic steps to curb the activity is officially contemplated.

The "Sunday Herald" learns that proposals may shortly be placed before Legislative Council and that, in the meantime, a committee composed of Europeans and prominent Chinese residents has been, or is being formed, to investigate the problem.

The main object of this committee is to investigate the possible methods of effecting discouraging gambling house sponsorship and patronage, although they are expected to enquire also into the 'mahjong-palaces' which technically legal are nevertheless a social problem in themselves, meaning as they do to many of the habitues gambling all night after working hard all day with consequent serious impairment of health.

FINES TOO SMALL

One of the first conclusions of those studying the evil is that the fines of $3, $5 or $10, imposed on people arrested for gambling, are far too light, and in no way discourage a gambler from indulging his vice immediately after his release.

In some Chinese circles it is suggested that fines should be increased considerably and should, on second conviction of a keeper, include a prison sentence without the option as well.

Incidentally, the gambling dens, which were voluntarily closed following the exposure of their existence in certain streets in the Colony, are once again in full swing.

DOWNING STREET ACTIVITY

London, Yesterday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Home Secretary, the Colonial Secretary and the Minister for Coordination of Defence were the Cabinet Ministers who called on the Foreign Secretary in the course of the day.

The Opposition leader, Mr. Attlee, and Mr. Greenwood asked to see Lord Halifax who received them in the afternoon.

The French and Polish Ambassaders and the Russian Charge d'Affaires were among callers at the Foreign Office. — British Wireless.

BEACH THEFT

Mr. Peal, of No. 180 Austin Road, has reported that someone who entered his bathing shed No. 49B at 11½ miles beach, stole a stove, and other articles to the value of $35.

It is understood that rehearsals for the Philharmonic Society's production of "Ruddigore" are progressing satisfactorily and that auditions for the principal parts are to be held following Monday's rehearsal at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

A 14-year-old boy, Chiu Neikee, residing in Ship Street, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, with injuries to his knee, after being knocked down by a motor bus in Queen's Road East, on Friday.

Car No. 2133 was stolen on Friday night. It was parked in front of the Po Hing Theatre.

ONLY 1,400 ADOPTIONS REGISTERED

("HERALD" SPECIAL)

THE THREE-MONTHS' PERIOD FOR REGISTERING ADOPTED CHILDREN WITH THE SECRETARIAT FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS EXPIRED YESTERDAY AND, IT IS LEARNED, ONLY ABOUT 1,400 CHILDREN, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF FOREIGN ADOPTED JUVENILES, HAVE BEEN REGISTERED.

Contrary to the general impression, however, the registration of adopted children was not closed yesterday.

Registration will be continued for those who have failed to take their adopted children to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and for new-comers who are pouring into the Colony every-day.

It is pointed out, however, that persons who are found by the officials of the S.C.A. hereafter to to have in their custody adopted children, unregistered, and who have deliberately ignored the Government's decree will be liable to prosecution.

THREE REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Three weddings took place at the Registry yesterday morning before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, and Mr. W. A. Jones, Deparly Registrar.

The first was at 10.15 a.m., when Mr. Lo Wing-ming, residing at No. 70, Morrison Hill Road, and Miss Cheng Yuen-yuen, of No. 105, Robinson Road, were married.

The second was that of Mr. Kurt Schlinke, residing at "Courtlands" Hotel, and Miss Antoine Dorothea Minna Anna Mende.

The third took place at noon, when Mr. Vassily Mihaylovich Dobrohotoff, physical instructor, of No. 29A, Nathan Road, and Mrs. Evgeni Alexandrova Viajevich, widow, were married.

Seventy-one years old, Wong Ching was found by his wife at 7 p.m. last night hanged at their residence in Cheong Sha-wan village.

Buy Now, & Get A Gift Coupon During our Anniversary

If hats mean anything to you——

Look in at

CHINA EMPORIUM

Hat Dept. (2nd Fl.)

New Styles Just Unpacked.

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LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

by Esther

Fur coats, jackets and capes that will give zest to your Winter fashion life, will shortly be shown in the Hong Kong Branch of *SIBERIAN FURRIERS* (Shanghai). At the moment, the location is to be kept a dark secret, but we can give you more than a hint just now as to what you can expect in the way of furs. There are sophisticated Caracals in black, brown and beige. Russian aristocrats in Ermine and Kolinsky. Luxurious Mink and classic Silver Fox. Downy Opposum and glossy black Seal. Urbane Persian Lamb and youthful dyed Squirrel. All are incredibly light and supple, and whether you pay much or little for them, the Siberian Furriers mark is your assurance of lasting loveliness. For winter commuting . . . . find a group of machine knitted suits in wool or yarn that are not too informal for tea-dancing afterwards. The smartness of cut, colours and varied textures, makes them look definitely expensive, but all prices are blessedly to the contrary. Watch for the opening.

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If you are thinking of having your picture taken, but dread the ordeal of tedious hours of posing, the *CAMERA EXCHANGE SERVICE*, 1 Middle Road, Kowloon, is the place you want to go to. For here the work is done in a jiffy by Mr. V. Vlira, formerly of Bann's Studio, Shanghai, who is a wizard at his trade. And his trade is taking pictures—indoors or out. So whether it's a portrait study of yourself, the dog, cat or pet canary . . . . or whether his presence is requested at the wedding of . . . . he'll be pleased, delighted, in fact—charmed to the job. And you will be charmed with the result! So all of you with a picture problem take it to the address given, and remember that for expert workmanship in all matters to do with photography, including developing and printing within three hours, the Camera Exchange Service will serve you right.

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Maybe it's compensation, says Vogue. On one hand, a move to small hats. On the other, a move to big bags. Whatever your feelings in the matter, slip into the Ladies' Salon of *LANE, CRAWFORD'S* one morning in unenlivened black frock and stride out looking like a Berard drawing with a huge red handbag crushed under one arm. You'll find a whole collection of these over-grown bags, all slightly arrogant, and all very smart. Favourites are alligator, crocodile, ostrich skin and suede. But if you are one of the not-so-rich, find among these aristocrats a group of leather bags which are not only as beautifully styled as their more expensive cousins, but superbly finished to every last, unseen detail. For the woman who does much travelling, there is a large flat-bottomed bag with twin handles which carries everything required in neat compact holders, and for those who have been waiting patiently for their arrival . . . those box-shaped bags containing all that is essential to a lady's good looks are here!

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The smoothest story ever told is the one your skin will tell, if you make a daily rite of *COLONIAL DAMES* All-Purpose Cream. And the truest story every told is that at 30, you may say your age is "only 28," but your nose indicates the true state of affairs. By the time you're 35, it's a temptation to say you're 30, but you'll never be convincing if lines have their way! At 40, it's your throat that denies your blithely claimed "35." Wrinkles, crepiness, flabby contours all call for rigid, nightly treatments. So be your age, ladies, or else strive to look younger than your years. Nothing helps your skin on the road to youth and beauty so much as a good all-round cream that really cleanses and lubricates. That cream is *COLONIAL DAMES* All-Purpose. It gives dry skin lubrication . . . plus the sunshine Vitamin D which your skin absorbs. Use faithfully and your looks will repay your care. At Watson's. . . .

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If you shy away from the too timid, too unobtrusive in dress, and prefer to choose things with a slight fling, *EXCELLA'S* is the ideal place to shop. Out-of-the-ordinary designs, decorative details and new-looking colour combinations distinguish their collection, and we want you this week to keep a special look-out for the plaids. If you are a small 14, there is a two-piece in Viyella flannel, with green and brown plaid skirt, and beige and brown mixture jacket, that you ought to know about. It will be the pride and joy of your wardrobe. Afternoon frocks are absolutely stunning. Many are accented with magnificent buckles and clips, while all are fitted at the plackets with Talon slides. There's something definitely happy about these clothes—and light-hearted about the prices. Last minute news flash includes the arrival of a shipment of new Autumn headgear, and a selected batch of sizeable handbags. 188 Nathan Road.

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One thousand melodies a day! Well, maybe you haven't time to listen to that many, but you could easily hear them all with a Telefunken "Carmen" radio. Its tone is so perfect, so mellow, that you will find it hard to tear yourself away once you begin to listen. And you might start by dropping in at the *VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE*, who are sole agents for Telefunken radio models in Hong Kong, Canton and Macao. Ask them to give you a demonstration. They also stock the very latest "Stuttgart" model, the Telefunken overseas receiver set remarkable for its ultra sensitive reception qualities, which enable it to guarantee full enjoyment of broadcasts from all stations throughout the world,—and "Tosca," the set which got its name from the world-famous opera, but is nonetheless famous itself. But if you want more technical details, the agents are still in the same premises, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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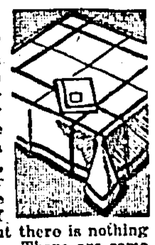

One of the things that makes *THE LINEN CHEST* a shop where it is really fun to buy things is the feeling that there is always something new to be seen there. The most recent acquisition is a catalogue showing photographs of something really unique in the way of floral decoration for shops and homes. Some of the photographs are in colour and give you a vivid idea of what you may expect. For off-setting dull corners, and filling your home with a riot of colour, be it winter or spring, we can think of nothing to give you more joy and satisfaction than these flowers. Samples of these synthetic blooms are expected to arrive shortly, but there is nothing to stop you from placing an order for them right now. There are some brand-new numbers to investigate in the linen line, too, including a group of ecru-coloured luncheon sets, embroidered with Italian motifs, which *THE LINEN CHEST* are making a very special offer of for this week only. Located at 210 Gloucester Building.

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PRIVATE FACES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Thirteenth

THE rule of thirteen doesn't apply to Sir Anthony Jenkinson. Thirteenth baronet of a long and illustrious line of Jenkinsons, at twenty-six he seems all set for a long and illustrious career of his own. Author, journalist, and traveller, this six foot three-and-a-half descendant of the famous Elizabethan gallant has two books to his credit and has hit the headlines more than once with brilliant write-ups of distinguished personalities.

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TALKING to him in the Gripps, we tried hard to picture him in the sword, cloak and slashed doublet of the first Bart, but without success. Tousled headed and thin as a bean pole, he dresses carelessly, wears horn-rimmed specs, looks mildly donnish. In point of fact he had a distinguished career at Oxford and is an ex-editor of the Isis. His studies were devoted to economics until the mystic pronouncements of the high priests of that esoteric science got him fazed—when he heeded another sage's advice and went west.

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UNABLE to reconcile the Depression with the dictum that capital, plus labour and an abundance of raw material produces prosperity, he sought the economic jinx in Canada and the U. S. A. Like his ancestor who was the first Englishman to investigate the possibilities of trade with Russia, journeying to the court of Muscovy with letters patent from the Virgin Queen, he trotted up and down Canada, interviewing the bold barons of the golden west. The result was not an economic treatise, but a series of witty and irreverent pen pictures of Canada's leading men. Accustomed to the robust polemics of Dominion politics, the big moose plunged, snorted beneath the Jenkinson shafts of polished irony; threatened to stampede the writer out of town. Mitch Hepburn tried to get "Where Seldom a Gun is Heard" banned, but only succeeded in prompting the radio to give a coast to coast broadcast on the book. "Which," said Jenkinson, smiling (his smile is the most guileless thing), was sweet publicity and sent the sales up."

AMERICA proper was the inevitable goal of this improper young man. There, colourful personalities abounded and "America Comes My Way" firmly established Sir Anthony as an author. Walter Winchell ("A superb iconoclast," says Jenkinson) spread himself over a column in laudation, and numberless Babbitts chuckled over an English aristocrat's impressions of Huey Long, nickel lunches, Broadway beauties, Father Divine, and other phenomena of American life. About this time the "Daily Sketch," striving to keep its pages pure and keep up with the "Mirror's" circulation, was looking round for lively writers, and hearing of Jenkinson, commissioned him to write for them.

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MOST recently he investigated Manhattan and wrote about the model racket. Discovering that the originals of the ravishing girls used to illustrate Lucky Strike, Old Gold, Del Monte Peaches, etc. were units of a highly organised business that exercised a monopoly in the cream of the nation's beauty tighter than Solomon's, Jenkinson in giving "Sketch" readers the low-down, was incautious enough to describe them as "The loveliest girls in the world." A smart re-write man saw the angle, splashed the phrase, and presto the innocent Jenkinson found himself involved in an embittered battle of beauty.

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UNDER the heading: "Sir Anthony Jenkinson says America's long stemmed beauties are world's most beautiful girls" the Sketch roused native pride. Champions of our lovelies came back with lyrical descriptions (and photographs) of such home grown classics as Mrs. Anthony Osborne (nee Primrose Salt, reputed to have caused more havoc among the ranks of London's eligibles than any other woman of her generation) the Ward twins and other Mayfairies. Both sides took to the buses and for a fortnight you couldn't ride anywhere without getting an eyeful. It's over

SIR ANTHONY JENKINSON CHATTING TO ERROL FLYNN.

now, but Jenkinson fears repercussions. "Besides having to do a lot of explaining to some good-looking friends of mine at home," he told us, "I'm probably booked as a beauty contest judge for the rest of my life."

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IT would be an incomplete picture of the thirteenth Jenkinson to leave him on such a frivolous note. A keen student of international politics, he's secured exclusive interviews with world figures as diverse as President Roosevelt and General Mau, and though he staggered hardboiled correspondents by jumping off the Clipper in Hong Kong, equipped with an ukele and a small handbag to cover the China War, he's probably travelled further and harder than the majority of the scoffers. An admirer of the Hemingway tradition, his political sketches are forceful; the one of China's Communist General earning the admiration of the News Review; that authoritative journal reprinting it plus adjectives, and only omitting to acknowledge the source. Opening sentences are designed to hit the reader squarely between the eyes; one article describing a bombing raid on Canton beginning: "Nine malignant specks in the sky . . ." "A pippin," says the writer. All in all, a rising star in the journalistic firmament.

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Charm

MADAME Recamier is, we suppose, the outstanding example of what a person can accomplish by charm. A woman who in her day wielded immense political influence, she owed her power of attracting people neither to good looks, bad morals, or the all powerful combination of both. Personages flocked to her salon, drawn by an irrestible X which for want of a more precise definition we call charm. Very few persons possess this indefinable power of delighting; the principles of charm are as neglected as they are evasive. The consequence of this is that when we do meet a woman whom we can justly, as opposed to the polite formula, describe as charming, we're by no means sure of our ground, and through lack of practice, are a little uncertain as to how to handle the nuances.

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CHARM is a mysterious quality and Charlotte Haldane has plenty of it. A medium built women in the early forties, she has dark hair faintly touched with grey, fine brown eyes, and a generous mouth. These quantities combine into a whole which though pleasing is not specially remarkable. It was not until we *actually* talked with her that we came under the spell. We stress actually, because the conversation took place in a roomful of people who had been invited to meet Mrs. Haldane on her arrival from London by air last Saturday week, and the talk consisted of a series of snatchy questions and answers, punctuated by introductions, boys proffering cocktails, and so on.

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ON top of this, asking questions is foreign to our methods; we prefer to maintain a wooden silence, until the vicar—subject plunges into a feverish monologue, spilling the beans out of sheer boredom. Our first question: "Did you have a good journey?" would have made a routine interviewer hoot with laughter. Mrs. Haldane handled it perfectly; her "Excellent" was as bright and vital as though it were the first time she had heard the triteness that day, instead of the fiftieth.

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THIS rythmic response restored our confidence and the conversation took a more intelligent turn. Discussing the political situation at home, we asked Mrs. Haldane if she thought that the British people were willing in the last analysis to support the Czechs, adding that in our opinion the Government display-ed signs of ratting. Speaking entirely from her own observations, Mrs. Haldane opined that the British people were solidly in favour of it, and added that by assuming that a small group of influential people were representative of national feeling, the Germans were repeating their mistake of 1914. She said further, that although she herself was unversed in military matters, competent observers of the German march into Austria had deduced from the number of lorries and tanks stalled by the wayside, that synthetic tyres and homemade lubricants were not all the Germans cracked them up to be.

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WHICH pertinent remarks made with a charming modesty that lent them added point, suggested to us that the lady has a very shrewd sense of political values and considerable military intelligence. The last is not entirely theoretical because Mrs. Haldane spent several February nights in the trenches of the Spanish Republican forces on the Toruel front, and is more or less familiar with modern aerial warfare, having been in Barcelona and Madrid when the Insurgents were doing their best to blast the inhabitants to bits.

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AN excellent linguist, (she speaks French, Spanish and German fluently), Mrs. Haldane has worked extensively on behalf of relief work and help of every kind to the Republicans, and has raised thousands of pounds at meetings on their behalf. She was present at the recent conference in Paris of the International Peace Campaign, at which it was decided to maintain an International Peace Hospital in China. She also represents the London—China Campaign Committee, the Paris Amis du Peuple Chinois, and the Comite Mondial des Femme contre la Guerre et le Fascisme in France and England. The women of the latter Committee intend to make an intensive effort to aid China, and Mrs. Haldane's job in China is to see for herself where help is most needed, and to discuss with Chinese leaders the best way to organise relief and propaganda work on behalf of China in England. This means long, arduous journeys in the interior entailing discomforts and hardships that many a man would think twice about. Mrs. Haldane doesn't stress them; a clue to the secret of charm, which we venture to define as complete forgetfulness of self.

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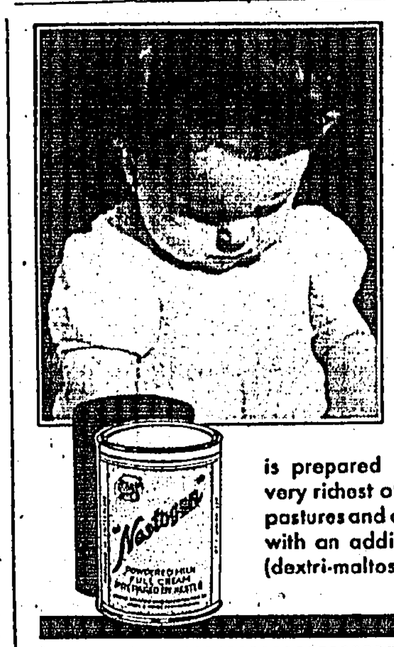

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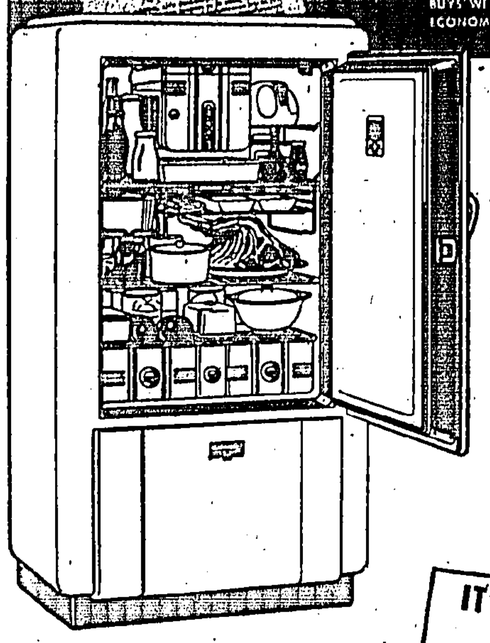

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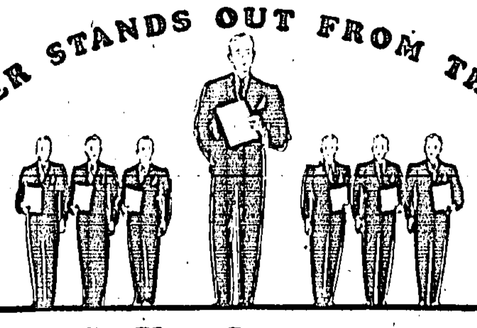

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Mr. Chamberlain's Respite

There Is Much In This Article With Which Many May Disagree and Like Anything Written 24 Hours Ahead of Events it May Be A Voice In The Wilderness Indeed Today. But It Has To Be Admitted That

DAVID SPRECKLEY

Puts The Peace Pledge Union View Well

FOR the past ten years or more politicians and people alike have realised the injustices of the Treaty of Versailles. For the past five years they have been admitting them openly, even using them as an excuse for apathy when clauses of the Treaty have been broken.

That Treaty was based on the fallacy that because Germany and her Allies lost the war they were therefore entirely to blame for it. It was drawn up according to the law that Might is Right—that the loser in a military struggle must be wrong on all counts. That law is not logical, it is not even sane, it certainly is not just. Those statesmen at Versailles, in their efforts to shape the destinies of the peoples of Europe, seemed to have forgotten that they were dealing with human beings. In Central Europe the people were not asked their opinions as their countries were carved up around them like so many cuts off the joint.

The Treaty was unjust and inhuman, perhaps because it was born of a world driven partly inhuman by four years of war. Its poisons were bound to produce disorders, diseases, and boils in the body of mankind and perpetuate the evils of militarism and nationalism which were its inspiration.

About To Burst

This week it has looked as though one of those boils was about to burst. Britons would have been asked—no, ordered—to fight, killing people with whom they had no quarrel but only a certain amount of sympathy, to maintain that Treaty and the faces of themselves and their Government. Since Versailles it has been the will of Great Britain to maintain the *status quo* because it is in her interest to do so. Going to war would have meant imposing our national will on others by military force. And British voices have been loud and free just lately in condemnation of just such action by other nations. And the old battle-cry of 1914 would have been yelled at us to "defend democracy and defeat German militarism," despite the concrete proofs of post war history that war only have the opposite effect on both issues. I am still wondering how many of us would have gone into the bloody business, knowing full well that it was utterly futile and insane and that it could only bring worse evils upon the world.

Breathing Space

But thanks to Mr. Chamberlain we have been given a breathing space. He has saved us perhaps from horrors beyond our comprehension and he deserves the praise and thanks unbounded of all mankind. But if we now do not make good use of this respite we shall have brought his efforts to nought and been guilty of criminal negligence. We must take to heart and put into practice immediately the lessons that are to be learnt from recent history and the many failures and mistakes it contains. And we must, in particular, turn the searchlight of impartial enquiry and reason onto ourselves onto our national policy and place in the international scheme of things. The events of the last few days have caused people to think furiously. If we cannot turn this to good account and continue the good work, then we do not deserve the respite and neither will it endure.

As a pacifist I am in two minds whether to rejoice or be sad, for the cause of pacifism has had a victory and a set-back at the same time. Pacifist influence at home has assisted both in keeping the country from war and in allowing success to German military threats. And singing the old "I told you so" refrain gives little consolation.

It will be interesting to see the exact phraseology of the Government in their attempts to justify their desertion of Dr. Benes after having given him such unqualified support until the last moment. But their main theme must be the injustice of the present situation, and in that they will be partially right. But Hitler's military threats do not affect the moral aspect of the case. The injustices were there five, ten, fifteen years ago, yet we pledged ourselves to uphold them until fifteen days ago. And for ever we have been announcing to the world that Britain stood for international law and justice. The Archbishop of Canterbury condoned our rearmament and eventual use of military force to maintain international law, presumedly because he felt that our conception of it was a just one.

For Heaven's sake let us now recognise that utter humbug of it all and admit that our country—in keeping with all the rest—has been working only in her own interests. Our statesmen knew that once any such revision of injustices was set on foot, others must follow involving sacrifices of British interests—questions of colonies, trade, credits etc. And they had no mandate from the British people to take such a step. Can it be wondered at that the German attitude became exaggerated and unreasonable, surrounded by such hypocritical apathy. It is our fault that they have demanded too much and will probably get it, our procrastination has brought about this victory by military threat which should never have been necessary.

The events of the last few days should have cut the ground from underneath the feet of the rearmament fiend. His first love—collective security—has had the lid put on her coffin as far as he is concerned. Collective military action has been proved unworkable among nationally minded states whose first interests are their own. For the fourth time they have refused to go to war in the interests of other states. Collective security will work when states cease to be so minded—and then such military strength will be entirely un-necessary. His second love—the "benevolent policemen" idea of arming to back the word of Britain and maintain her conception of international law—has fallen at the first fence. When it came to the test our statesmen refused to use their slaughter machine in condemning millions of people to death and bring senseless hell on earth. All honour to them for doing so, for having the courage, the human feeling, and the sanity.

One Motive Left

There can be but one motive left for continued rearmament. That is to make Britain all-powerful, to impose her will on others by threats and violence and treading them underfoot. This would mean joining the ranks of the ranting, strutting, totalitarians, denying freedom and tolerances to all men, and forsaking for ever any hope of international goodwill, understanding, or peace.

Fearful, worried, and bemused, we have reached another crossroads. And we may not have long in which to choose our road. Collective security in its old form is dead, the "benevolent policeman" has failed, isolationism is impossible. So may I once again suggest in these columns a way which is not easy, not well marked or clearly trodden, but one which seems to have been pointed out so definitely by the present crisis—constructive pacifism.

Mr. Lansbury

Mr. Lansbury in his tours round Europe has paved the way for an international conference such as is needed and has given us a lead. Mr. Chamberlain has given us an opportunity to follow that lead. For God's sake, if there is still a chance, let us take it.

We, as individuals, can give our support to our statesmen so that they may go to that conference ready to revise Treaties and right wrongs in the highest interests of truth and justice and to the benefit of the world as a whole. To us, as the greatest 'have' nation, it will mean the sacrifice of many immediate interests. But it must be clear to us all that the greater benefits of such co-operation will be felt throughout the world, producing a state of living far better than does our present short-sighted and selfish polish.

The alternatives to such a course make a black outlook, the time for decision may be short, and—the initiative rests with Great Britain. Her citizens, individually and collectively, will decide the future of the world according to their mental reactions to present events and their line of thought during "Mr. Chamberlain's Respite."

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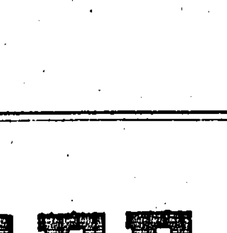

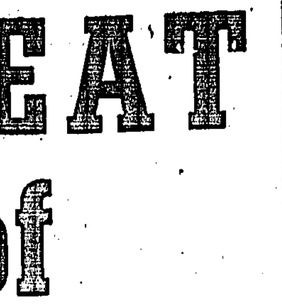

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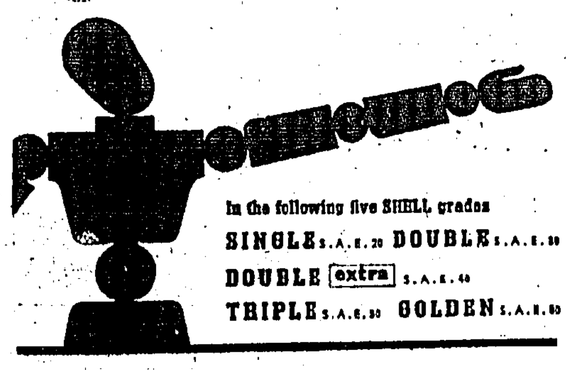

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French May Form Standing Army In Indo-China

WORRIED BY DRIFT OF SIAMESE POLICY

Haiphong, Yesterday.

French political moves indicate that she may shortly establish a permanent standing army in Indo-China.

M. Georges Mandel, Minister of Colonies, and Clemenceau's Private Secretary during the Great War, recently issued a decree law calling upon the Governors-General of the Colonies to raise 50,000 additional African troops and 20,000 in Indo-China.

At the present time France maintains two mixed divisions in the provinces of Tonkin and Cochinchine-Cambodge and a brigade in Annam-Laos. There are no troops in the other two provinces. These forces are insufficient to protect Indo-China in case of attack and France is worried by the drift of Siamese foreign policy and Japanese encroachments round Hainan Island, off the coast of Indo-China.

A PERMANENT ARMY

One of those who believes that the 20,000 new recruits in the Far East might form the nucleus of a permanent army large enough to defend the colony without aid from home is Alfred Silbert, a collaborator of M. Mandel, and formerly "Chef du Cabinet" of the Governor of Indo-China.

Of great significance, according to M. Silbert, is the awakening of a national conscience in Indo-China. Embroiled in the turbulent war in the Far East, the natives have come to feel that their future depends upon their ability to defend themselves—a feeling that grows out of the knowledge that France would need all her troops on her own frontiers in the event of a world-wide conflict.

Twenty thousand men would be inadequate to assure her protection, and native leaders feel the new move is a start in the right direction. So does the Minister for Colonies, M. Georges Mandel, who hopes to see France's Colonial Empire ready to defend its own frontiers.

But synonymous with the recruiting of troops, in the opinion of M. Silbert, must be the development of Colonial war industries, and more decree laws, along these lines, may shortly be forthcoming from the Minister of Colonies.—Our Own Correspondent.

JOIN THE ARMY AND LEARN TO COOK

"Sunday Herald" Reporter

A newly married Army man is "fed up" with the meals served by his recently acquired life partner, told me yesterday that young wives should be permitted join a special unit to learn to cook.

"The Manual of Military Cooking and Dietary, with which the sergeant cooks are supplied, informs one of everything from brewing tea to the carving of an ox," he said.

"If the tea does not taste quite right, a list of 'common faults in tea-making' is given.

"The book also teaches how to make soups, gravies, hotch potches and sauces, and how to cook meats, fish, rabbit dishes, vegetables, and how to make cakes."

A special section of the book, I found out, is devoted to "Invalid Dietry," used, the manual says, when soldiers have to attend their sick and wounded comrades pending their removal to hospital—very good for wives.

Everything an invalid may want, from barley water to beef tea and chicken broth, are explained.

Nothing is wasted in the army. Appendix IV. tells how to put dried breadcrumbs to good use. Five different puddings are described with the use of breadcrumbs.

This manual my "fed-up" friend described as an excellent substitute for a wife.

"But women do not want to talk about it," he added.

KENT AGAIN TO FLY ADMIRAL'S FLAG TO-MORROW

After a spell of 18 months at Chatham—during which she has been completely modernised at a cost of more than half-a-million sterling—the 10,000-ton cruiser Kent will again fly the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble who is to transfer from the Cumberland to-morrow.

With the recent completion of H.M.S. Kent's reconstruction, only one of this class of ship remains now to be brought up to present-day fighting standard—the cruiser Berwick, and she is already in hand at Chatham.

When she is completed at the end of the year she will not follow Kent back to China — her old station—but will go to the West Indies in place of the cruiser Apollo; the latter ship is being purchased by the Commonwealth Government for the Royal Australian Navy.

Another of H.M.S. Kent's sisters not returning to the Far East is Cornwall, now serving in the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, Home Fleet.

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Our trailers declare
Will be shown 'Next Change'.
So please arrange
To wait in the queue
Until you
Can be reasonably certain
of missing the rising of the curtain,
The News, Popeye the Sailor,
And the trailer.

Artilleryman. 20.9.38.

The Duzin Orphanage is to be formally opened at No 5, Masque Street, to-day at 2. p. m. Tea will be served at 3. p. m.

SHE SHELLS SHEA-SHELLS ON THE SHEA-SHORE

A MAN summoned at Dorking for driving under the influence of drink pleaded that he was able to perform every test set by the police doctor except two.

One of these was to say: "She sells sea-shells on the seashore" and the other was to multiply 493 by 788.

He regarded the multiplication test as a nasty catch and told the doctor: "If I do the sum quickly and get it wrong you will say I'm tight. If I take pains to get it right you will say I'm tight because it took a long time."

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IS THIS PROGRESS?

BY FATHER RYAN

WHEN we consider the age in which we live, I suppose that if there is any one aspect of it on which people are generally agreed it is that it is an age of progress. So convinced are most people of its claim to this title that they are inclined to regard it as a compensation for almost everything else. It may be an age of unrest, of harshness, of poor product in many of the arts, yet at any rate, it is an age of progress. We mean scientific, mechanical progress, but we are inclined to regard this as by far the most important kind of progress. But is it?

It must have surprised anybody who read the reports of last month's meeting of the British Association to find scientists on defensive. It was something new to hear the President and other speakers pleading that scientists are not destroyers of civilisation, and to see the newspapers picking out as the central theme of this year's Meeting the question whether or not scientists are a benefit to humanity. Only a very short time ago such a discussion would have been unthinkable. Has not Mr. H. G. Wells, the world's most popular writer, told us in a score of books that science is the only thing that really matters, and that the only hope for the world consists in letting the scientists have a free hand to plan the future? Yet now we are told that scientists are unpopular. The London "Times" discussed the matter very gravely, acknowledging that public opinion has changed, and that now a great many people hate science and look upon it as a harmful thing. The reason for this public volte-face is the belief that scientists are morally responsible for the horrors of modern warfare. Many people, eminent men among them, have said that the world would benefit if a halt were called to modern invention, and even such a champion of scientific progress as Professor C. W. Joad has advanced a plan for a board of scientists and philosophers who would control the use of scientific inventions likely to affect human life.

WHERE RESPONSIBILITY LIES

It is needless to point out that this particular attack on the scientists is quite unreasonable, for as both the President, Lord Rayleigh, and other speakers at the British Association Meeting pointed out, science is ethically neutral; it makes discoveries, it forges new weapons which can be used for good or for evil, but it rests with the world at large to decide how to use them.

Still, if the responsibility does not rest with the actual scientists of the present day for the misuse of their discoveries, it must rest with someone. Our capacity for producing new inventions has got far ahead of our capacity for making wise use of them. Mr. Joad cites the example of the wireless:

"Men of genius by the dozen, men of talent by the hundred, laboured in order that wireless might be. The miracle was performed, but with what result? The ultimate ether vibrates to the sound of negroid music, and wireless waves transmit such announcements as 'Ladies and gentlemen, Syd Ambono will now sing *Tripe and Onions*'."

The same thing could be said about the cinema and the standarised amusement that it has brought us, and about the high speed production of the printing-press. The fact that our age has produced these marvels is of little advantage if we do not use them properly. Yet it is in the production of them, and not in the use that we make of them, that we take pride. When the President of the Advertising Association, Lord Southwood, told the thousand advertisers from seventeen different nations who assembled a few months ago that "Cleopatra had all the wealth of Egypt, but she never knew the convenience of the zip-fastener," he probably thought that he was saying something very wise as well as very smart, and many present must have wished that they thought of it first—but in reality he was making a remark that was just typical of the shallowness of our day. If our standards of value are wrong or trivial there can be no wisdom in the conduct of our affairs and the inevitable result must be that things which should have been used for our benefit will be turned to our destruction—which is exactly what is happening at the present time.

THE ORIGIN OF THE EVIL

Can this deterioration in our appreciation of values, which is at the root of most of the evils of our time, be traced to anything definite? I believe that it can, and that it is the direct result of the deification of science in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Capital was made of the progress of science to try to combat belief in God, therefore the value of every scientific discovery tended to be greatly exaggerated, and the application of any critical judgment in connection with them characterised as reactionary. Scientists saw this happening and did not check it, so some of the blame rests with them. The completely unscientific attitude towards such doctrines as spontaneous generation and evolution opened the way for a completely uncritical acceptance of all new discoveries and inventions, and therefore for a wrong use of them. (Even at the very last meeting of the British Medical Association reference had to be made to the erroneous belief that the theory of evolution has made important contribution to medical progress). If exaggerated value be given to physical science then physical laws will be regarded as the only laws that are worth considering, and moral values will be regarded as of no account. When this happens, trouble is certain to come.

CONDITION OF PROGRESS

Without a proper appreciation of its value, and therefore a proper capacity for its wise use, material progress is not a benefit. A condition of things could arise in which our inventions and discoveries would be of no more use to us than his gold was to King Midas. Their possession will be of little use if civilisation crashes about our ears—a thing almost too terrible to contemplate, yet a danger that actually threatens. Our generation has advanced rapidly to the brink of disaster simply because its whole system of values is wrong and it has esteemed mechanical progress at more than it is worth. It can only remedy the error by readjusting its standards. And how can it do this? The answer is an obvious one, but it will surprise many: Only by putting God back in His creation.

It is the "flight from reason," as it has been justly called, that has brought us to the present pass. In a wild attempt to deny the existence of any laws but those of physical science and those made by men, we have shut out from ourselves all recognition of moral laws, and all appreciation of the world of mind and spirit. Until we return to reason and acknowledge the existence of a Creator and Lord of mankind we can never bring the world back to sanity. It is by "facing realities" that many a crisis in our day has been averted. The biggest crisis of all still threatens, and it is only by facing the biggest reality, God's existence, that men can begin to think sanely again. When once this fundamental truth is admitted its logical conclusions can be seen, and then there is hope for the recognition once more of a supreme moral law binding all men. It may seem a roundabout solution, but it is the only one. Real progress consists in reaching it.

ONE THING & ANOTHER

IT has not yet been decided whether Hutton is to be made a bishop or an honorary colonel of Life Guards.

His knighthood is, however, practically certain. In addition to that he will be made a Privy Councillor, with a seat on the editorial board of "The Times."

Among the honorary degrees to be conferred upon him are: D.D., B.Sc., Mus. Doc., D. Litt., LL.D., R.A., F.R.S., and F.R.I.B.A.

The site of the Hutton Monument has not yet been fixed. The most favoured proposal is for a Hutton Column to stand beside the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square. An alternative suggestion is for a colossal statue of the batsman, 200 feet high, holding a bat in one hand and the torch of freedom in the other, to stand at the entrance to Southampton Docks.

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Special thanksgiving services will be held in all the cathedrals to-day. Hutton himself will read the lessons in York Minister, and the collection will go to the Society for the Propagation of Cricket to the Heathen.

In St. Paul's, the Bishop of London will preach on "The England of Shakespeare and Hutton." This afternoon, the Archbishop of Canterbury will broadcast a lecture on the history and development of Protestantism, entitled, "From Luther to Pudsey."

For inclusion in the services, the B.B.C. will broadcast a specially-prepared gramophone record of four of Hutton's boundary strokes, including the late cut with which he passed Bradman's total. The congregation will stand.

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Addressing the boys of Narchester School at the inauguration ceremony of an annual Hutton Day, the Dean of Anchovy spoke on the value of lessons as a preparation for cricket.

"Keep your eyes on the book," he said, "and when later on you face the serious business of life you will know how to keep your eye on the ball."

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THE nation is still reverberating with indignation at the remark of the Watford Magistrate who, while hearing a case of assault, observed, "A woman never hits what she aims at."

This insult to British womanhood will not be allowed to pass. "Sportswomen are indignant," says a newspaper. I would go further, and say that Hell, or any other fiery pitch, hath no fury like a woman bowler scorned.

"The sad!" said the headmistress of Buckdean to our representative yesterday. "I bet he was at a rotten school! I'd like to see him stand up against one of my fast bowlers. He'd need all his pads, by golly!"

I learn that a deputation of women cricket, football and hockey Blues, from Oxford and Cambridge, accompanied by leading women golfers, tennis stars, and javelin throwers, is to wait upon the Lord Chancellor to ask for the man's removal from the Bench.

For he spoken lightly of a woman's aim.

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LONDON'S underground water supply, I read, is threatened unless demands on it are reduced.

I hear that makers of vacuum cleaners are producing a special "Economy" attachment for cleaning behind the ears.

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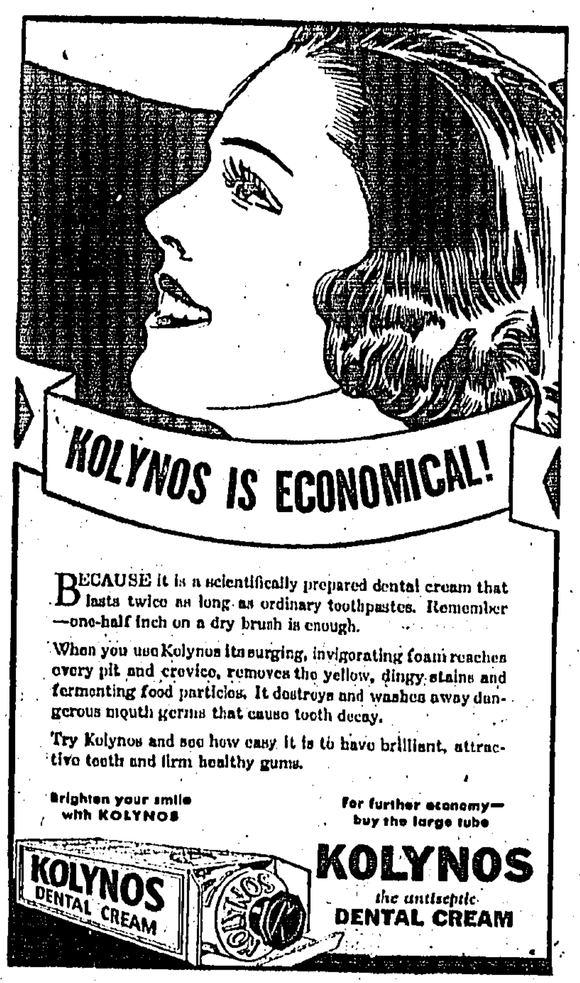

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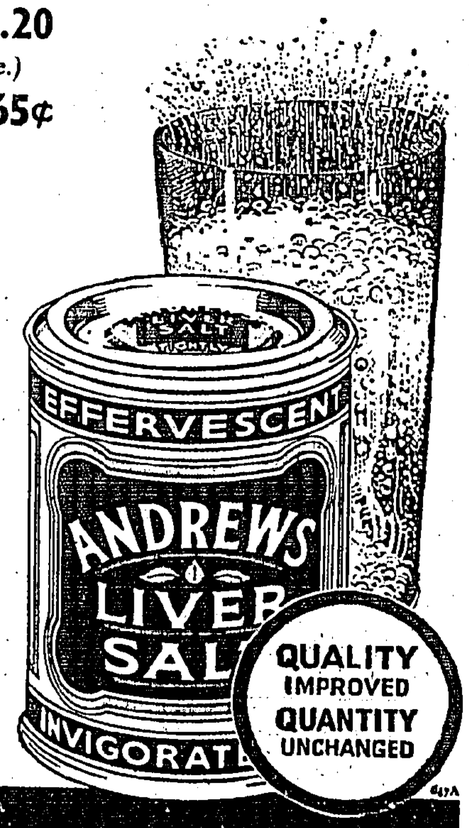

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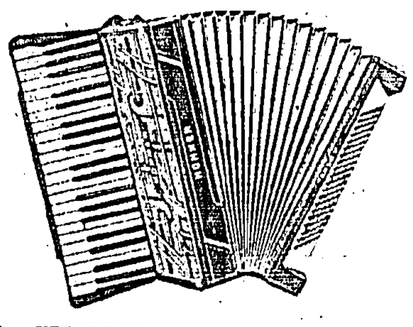

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THE MIDDLE-AGED SPREAD

AFTER nearly a century of Topsy-like growth, Hong Kong has reached that middle-aged spread stage at which her corsets creak and her hardened arteries throb with the strain of population and traffic problems. It is probably true to suggest that the large influx of refugees from war-torn China has been the primary factor creating the immediate situation and forcing it upon public attention. What it would be unwise to assume is that the cessation of hostilities will be followed by any material relief from congestion. Abnormal conditions developing out of the terrible events of the past fourteen months cannot fail to leave their permanent mark upon the Colony. Many who came to the Colony as refugees will stay as residents absorbed into the economic life of the community. The permanent transfer of important manufacturing business from Shanghai has already commenced on a substantial scale and will undoubtedly be accelerated, calling for more and more labour, as soon as Government has become clear in its own mind as to the course it intends to pursue, as to where to allocate factory sites which will not create new problems for the future. This will be one of the first stages in the process of putting new vitality into the old bones, and effecting the very necessary 'face-lifting' operation. For it should have the effect of stimulating the construction of workers' tenements in the immediate vicinity of the factory centres, affording some relief to the congested city areas and facilitating the task of slum clearance. That, of course, remains the hard core of the problem of Hong Kong's rejuvenation. The Housing Commission appointed in May, 1935, has at last completed its Report, and while the details have not yet been released for publication, it is known to contain many important recommendations, despite one description that it is "an exceedingly small egg to have been so long in the process of incubation." It does contain valuable data on what can be accomplished in the way of the provision of "model tenements" in Hong Kong at economic rents from the viewpoint of the people to live in them, and it does point the way to the handling of the possible development of Hong Kong as an industrial centre. None of the ideas embodied in the Report, however, are likely to be carried into effect with any degree of success unless and until some definite action is taken in the direction of town planning. A survey, thoroughly organised, coupled with the production of a Colony-planning scheme by competent experts, will reveal not only where slum clearance is most urgent and the general scheme can best be given its send-off, but also the best types of structure for each particular locality and how the programme for one district can be co-ordinated with that of another. Design of, say, a model tenement with any idea that erection of buildings of that special type here there and everywhere would contribute to solution of the slum problem would be demonstrably absurd. Happily, the leisurely effort of the Housing Commission notwithstanding, there are plentiful signs that the needs are understood, and that while, wisely, a long interval may be occupied in preparation of a comprehensive programme, it will be energetically undertaken when final approval is forthcoming.

THIS WEEK

Collective jitters, arising from the swift fluctuations of the political crisis in Europe, had yesterday completely superseded collective security in international politics. Nothing now seems likely to emerge to prevent war on a catastrophic scale. Mr. Chamberlain left Godesberg with an announcement that he intends to make fresh proposals to Prague, but everywhere gloom had descended, bringing resignation to the idea that Cabinet meetings in the next few hours will be concerned more with preparedness than peace.

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Mr. Chamberlain overbid his hand. Presentation of the Anglo-French plan to Czecho-Slovakia on an ultimatum platter was the signal for the swift deterioration of the situation that yesterday brought Europe to the brink of the disaster, into which it may plunge at any hour, possibly even before this edition is on the street. For Mr. Chamberlain's plan, however well-intentioned and whatever the aims behind it and the principles persuading the Premier to formulation, was interpreted in restive Europe as abject surrender to Hitler's threat of force. Hungary and Poland, who provided the complication which wrecked the Anglo-French plan of Czech dismemberment, acted on the principle that if Czecho-Slovakia was about to be carved up they were entitled to their slice.

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Hitler, too, contributed his very substantial quota to sabotage of the striving for a peaceful solution. Impression, amounting almost to conviction, was that Mr. Chamberlain was guilty of fatal error in permitting the Fuehrer to believe he had achieved an easy victory. At the vital moment Herr Hitler was tempted to an Oliver Twist act, and demanded not cession of the Sudeten areas to Germany, but the complete submission of Czecho-Slovakia to the political tutelage of the Greater Reich. This was more than the best will to peace could stomach and, however good a face may be placed upon events at Godesberg, the result of the negotiations was a breakdown. The Prime Minister may offer the Czechs the privilege of voluntary acceptance of German's new demands, but his consciousness of British public opinion must prohibit any endeavour to thrust them down Czechian throats as the original plan was thrust.

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Feeling in Britain was unmistakable. Many who agreed in principle to the justice of Sudeten transfer to the Reich viewed the method at which the Franco-British understanding was arrived at as disastrous. Mr. Chamberlain was charged with entire responsibility. The French press candidly admitted that, in great circumstances, France was tied to Britain's coattails. Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Churchill led a Tory revolt against the policy. Nothing in British political history for a generation was more remarkable than the invitation to Mr. Eden to visit the Foreign Office, in line with the invitations issued to other Leaders of the Opposition.

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High drama of the Godesberg talk was the Prime Minister's sudden action on Friday in addressing Herr Hitler by letter instead of keeping his appointment. A highly sensitised world immediately interpreted the decision as the deathknell of the negotiations, inferring, with some degree of accuracy, that Herr Hitler had been informed that unless there had developed an overnight change of attitude, further talk was useless. He seized the opportunity at the same time of tendering a written questionnaire, to which the Fuehrer replied after several hours, giving Mr. Chamberlain documentary evidence of the trend of the discussions, to which Herr Hitler added a further memorandum when the Premier called to bid his farewells. Herr Hitler is believed to have demanded the privilege of taking the German Army nine miles inside the Czech frontier.

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In the meantime, Prague, sensing the storm to follow, ordered general mobilisation. France and the Soviet gave renewed guarantees of assistance to Czecho-Slovakia should the German Army attempt a coup de force, France manned her borders in front of the Maginot Line. In London, events did not wait upon the return of the Premier. The Admiralty recalled ratings from leave and took steps to bring the crews of all ships up to their full complement. By midnight, the Navy was virtually on a war basis, and the War Office was not asleep.

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General Sirovy took Dr. Hodza's place at the helm of state in Prague, arousing German anger further. It will be from the events that followed that Herr Hitler, if he marches into Czecho-Slovakia, and the doubt seems to be not as to whether but as to when, will derive his excuse. Prague, however, denies that it ever surrendered the Sudeten German areas to the Free Corps, and that the movement of troops did not constitute a re-occupation but merely a precautionary stiffening of the main defence lines.

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To add to the mysteries of the ways of politicians there came from Geneva announcement that the League proposed to apply Article 17 to the Sino-Japanese conflict, as China had demanded. Japan's refusal to consider League intervention in any form was a foregone conclusion, together with the addition of the intimation that the next stage, automatic sanctions (assuming there to be no repudiation of the plain language of the Covenant) would be considered an unfriendly act. Spokesmen at Geneva gave no sign that they were ready to move on receipt of Japan's reply. Why there was no procrastination in view of the present state of Europe is a conundrum to which only events can possibly supply an answer.

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Japan's advance towards Wuhan area made slow progress, with the important developments centred on the offensive from the north-east. The weight of the blow in this sector seems to have taken the Chinese Command somewhat by surprise and Sinyang, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, is plainly in danger, though very strong Chinese reinforcements may do for Sinyang what the defenders of Mahweiling have done for Tehan.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: by Kathleen Gibberd

Are We Educating For Democracy?

WHAT is the purpose of education? The answer usually given is: to prepare children for life.

But every child's life is going to be different. One is going to be an engineer, another a farm worker, another a shop assistant, another a wife and mother. So the general education in our elementary schools has to be general enough to be useful to everybody.

There is, however, one thing that every child is going to be and that is a citizen. Do our schools do anything to help make future citizens? My reply would be that most of them do very little.

Let us admit at once that the task is more difficult for us than for the Italians and Germans. It is not, for example, difficult for a German teacher to inculcate the idea of the superiority of the German nation, nor ancillary notions about unity and the sacred character of the Leader. This sort of thing appeals to the child's natural egoism. It is, in fact, a childish idea.

It is not quite so easy to uphold the virtues of democracy, especially as democracy is at present a rather half-baked affair. It is not quite so easy to sing the praises of freedom, especially when the child can see for itself that real freedom is the monopoly of the well-to-do.

What, then, can we do?

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I suggest that the first thing that a school can do towards the preparation for democracy is to give the child the kind of freedom that makes him happy. I do not mean by this any far fetched ideas about letting him do what his momentary whim suggests. That does not make him happy; it makes him irritable.

The freedom that makes him happy is, first and foremost, the freedom to think and feel as he wants, then the freedom to give voice to an injustice, and lastly the freedom to contribute his own ideas or activities to the communal life of the school.

And what does this all amount to? It means that the school itself should be a limited democracy—limited, because the adults must always bear the final responsibility. I have known such a school and the general atmosphere was as different from the usual authoritarian kind of school as a sunny garden is different from a shaded one.

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Preparation for citizenship must come into lessons. The child must be taught about the political and social system in which he lives and about the history that is being made while his own body and mind are developing.

Is it not odd that a child should be taught about the manorial system and the industrial revolution and nothing about modern methods of taxation, Trade Unions, tariffs and the International Labour Organisation? Is it not as important for him to know by what methods Parliament accomplishes its work to-day as to know that the first Parliament was called by Edward I. in 1295?

If I am told that there is not time for this, I can only reply that the history syllabus should be adapted so that history becomes a journey with a destination instead of a journey that comes to a meaningless standstill somewhere up the line.

One lesson a week for at least three years. A good deal can be accomplished in that time; the British Parliament, and how it works, the political parties and what they stand for, the role of the King, of the Cabinet, of the Civil Service; our method of Government compared with that of other countries; local authorities and what they do; something about our industrial and economic system; something about our colonial administration; something about our newspapers . . . .

But let us be frank and admit that a great deal, perhaps most, of what is learnt at school is soon forgotten. Can we ensure that the child retains enough of his Civics course to make it worth while?

I think we can. I think it depends on how much we let the child do.

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I wonder how far the unlimited possibilities of dramatisation that this subject holds have been discovered.

I recall a Civics lesson that took place at 3.15 in the afternoon in a school where there was much too much sitting still. It was physically impossible for those children to take in the final lesson of the day. They fidgeted from sheer stiffness and fatigue.

One day it was suggested that they should act their Civics. The result was electrical. The children were transformed. They devoured the relevant portions of the text-book in order to find out what to do. Items for staging and dress appeared like magic. The next week there was a Speech from the Throne and an imperturbable king in paper crown and curtain robes proclaimed his own programme of legislation.

Similarly, I have seen courses in current events take on a new life when they were turned into the sittings of a model parliament. And I have seen the dramatic opportunities of a law court and an international conference exploited in the same way.

"I feel so much more intelligent," a child who had done a term of this sort of thing was overheard remarking to a friend with whom she was discussing the new subject in the curriculum.

She hit the nail on the head. What we want of our citizens-to-be is not a mass of facts in the brain or a blind devotion in the blood. Democracy demands intelligence.

H.K. NOT TO BE CAUGHT NAPPING

WANCHAI AIR RAID SIREN TEST

It is proposed to carry out a test of new Air Raid Siren from the top of Wanchai Market at 2.30 p.m. on Friday the 30th instant. The siren will sound for one minute at 2.30 p.m., 2.35 p.m., 2.40 p.m. and 2.45 p.m.

More Army Changes

LONDON, YESTERDAY.

OPENING NEW BARRACKS FOR THE ROYAL TANK CORPS AT WARMINSTER, THE WAR SECRETARY STATED THAT IT WAS INTENDED TO COMPLETE A PROGRAMME OF NO LESS THAN £12,000,000 ON BUILDING AND MODERNISATION OF BARRACKS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

Mr. Hore-Belisha referred also to the coming into operation next week of far-reaching reform, details of which had recently been made public, by which prospect of promotion from the ranks in the Army are widened.

On October 1, about 1,000 non-commissioned officers will be promoted warrant officers, class three, to hold command of platoons and equivalent sub-units hitherto commanded by subalterns. — British Wireless.

Plans For Meeting An Emergency Now Rapidly Taking Shape

HONG KONG'S PLANS FOR MEETING ANY EMERGENCY THAT MAY ARISE IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARE RAPIDLY TAKING SHAPE.

It may safely be stated that we are not likely to be caught napping, though large-scale volunteer co-operation will form an essential feature and the necessary organisation for fitting members of the community in where they can be most helpful is progressing satisfactorily.

Much that has been done continues to be something in the nature of "official secrets," but there are many details of the official scheme of preparedness which the "Sunday Herald" is now authorised to disclose.

Much has been heard of the preparation of defence works on all vulnerable points of the Island and Mainland.

There has been a good deal of quiet recruiting for the Volunteer Defence Corps and Nursing Aid Detachments and the willingness of some residents to volunteer for courses in A.R.P. and first-aid signifies that a section of the people of Hong Kong are not unmindful of the obligations that would be theirs were the Colony to be attacked.

There is yet another aspect in this scheme of preparedness with which considerable progress will have to be made before it can be considered to be on a satisfactory footing.

CANTON LESSONS

In many respects it is the most important of all.

From what has been learned by a study of the effects of air-raids on Canton, and neutral observers have stressed this fact more than any other, it was not military preparedness that enabled Canton to stand up to concentrated air attacks, rather it was the gallant work done by a band of volunteer workers who rendered such invaluable service to the injured.

First out after a raid, very often caught in return raids, these rescue workers by their strenuous efforts under severe handicaps, were largely responsible for maintaining that excellent morale, so largely commented on by newspaper correspondents in their dispatches all over the world.

At the moment, in Hong Kong, there is a fairly large band of equalified first-aid men and women trained under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. This number is increasing from day to day, steadily if not as rapidly as the authorities would wish.

AMBULANCE AUXILIARY

It will be these people who will minister to the injured in time of emergency. They have received the necessary training. They have been public-spirited and have given their spare time in order to get in that training.

But that is still not sufficient.

In time of emergency, all medical units in the Colony will be centralised under the St. John Ambulance Brigade. They will take over all ambulances.

They will be required to supply the personnel for those ambulances, and, for that reason an appeal has been made for volunteers for a Transport Section of their auxiliary unit, in which many trained first-aid workers enrol on completion of their courses in A.R.P. and first-aid.

Members of the Transport Section will not be required, at the present, to undergo any special training. They are asked to submit their names to St. John Ambulance Brigade to be entered on a roster and they will be liable to be called up in time of emergency.

CAN YOU DRIVE A CAR?

On qualification for this Section is an ability to drive a car. It is open to members of either sex, thus qualified, European and Chinese and they would be required to drive ambulances in time of emergency.

In addition to drivers, people with mechanical knowledge are also invited to enrol as it will be necessary that the large number of ambulances which will be in operation are maintained in good condition.

In an interview, Mrs. R. Langley, St. John Ambulance Brigade executive, told the "Sunday Herald" that she hoped there would be a large response to the appeal.

"DISGRACEFUL"

Asked if first-aid classes were progressing satisfactorily, she said: "I think the half-hearted manner in which the Europeans of the Colony responded to the appeal for more qualified first-aid workers is disgraceful. The Chinese are doing excellent work and are rallying round in large numbers. Their public-spiritedness is showing the Europeans up in a very unfavourable light."

Stressing the need for first-aid training in addition to A.R.P., Mrs. Langley said that experience gained in Canton showed that most of the casualties received their injuries as the result of incendiary bombs and high-explosives for which nothing short of deep concrete dugouts offer any protection.

"It is obvious that an ability to decontaminate a gas victim and nothing else is going to be a serious shortcoming if Hong Kong is ever — and I hope it never will be bombed. Such a knowledge might lead to saving life from one horror only to have patients bleed to death from simple haemorrhage," she concluded.

A.R.P. INSTRUCTORS

An examination for Instructors Grade I A.R.P. will be held at St. John Ambulance Headquarters on the following dates:
Oral:—Oct. 5th at 5.30 p.m.
Lecture:—Oct. 7th at 5.30 p.m.
Written:—Oct. 12th at 5.30 p.m.
Names of candidates to be sent on or before Oct. 2 to the Hon. Secretary, St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Tai Hang Road.

H.K.V.D.C. MECHANISATION

IRON HORSES FOR THE TROOP

In conformity with the action taken by the regular army, and in keeping with the modernising of local defences, the Machine Gun Troop, fourth oldest unit in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, is to become mechanised.

Need for faster movement and the greater reliability of motor transport, have made the replacement of the horse inevitable, and while sentiment here, as in other parts of the world, will deplore the passing of the horse, featured in many battle epics of the past, it will be readily appreciated that its term of usefulness as an integral part of the army, is over.

According to present arrangements, mechanisation of the Troop will be completed by March 1939.

Hitherto, each member has had to provide his own pony, and Troop funds, augmented by a grant from Corps Headquarters, have paid for stabling, grooming, feeding and the various other items connected with the maintenance of the horses.

RICH IN TRADITION

There has been a mounted Troop in the Volunteer Defence Corps almost from the time the Corps was formed, and the history of this unit is rich in tradition.

Among the recent Commandants of the Corps who started their service as members of the Troop is Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin, the present Honorary Lt.-Colonel of the Corps who rose from its ranks to the command of the Corps.

On such solid foundation therefore will be built a unit of the most modern branch of the British Army — a unit whose value in time of emergency cannot be too highly stressed.

NEW ROADS CHANGE SITUATION

The Troop in past years has been a machine-gun unit with guns mounted on pack. They have thus been able to transport guns over country inaccessible to motor transport and to rush reinforcements to threatened areas.

The building of roads to all parts of the Colony has changed this however.

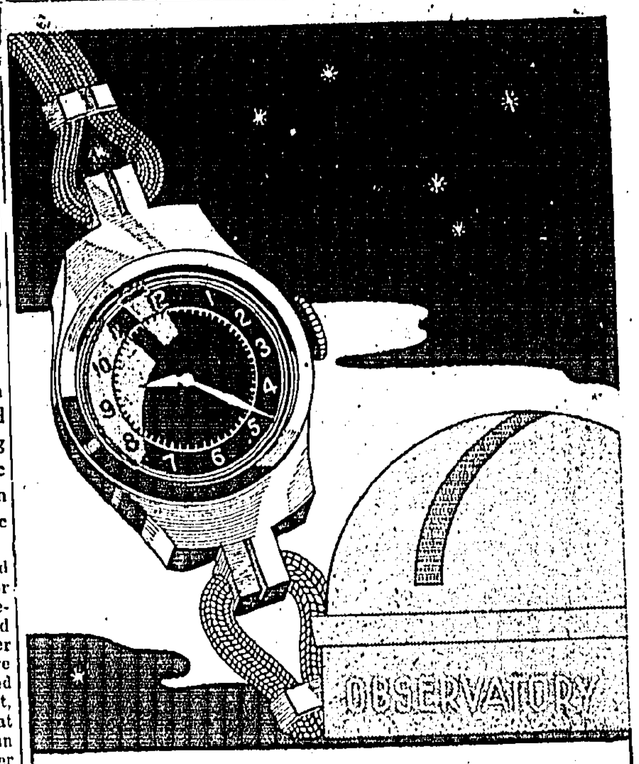
From next March their function will primarily be the same. They will still continue as a mobile unit, but instead of having to urge reluctant China ponies up the sides of hills, they will have to be conversant with the vagaries of the internal combustion engine and with the maintenance of vehicles whose carrying capacity and mobility are very much greater than those of the horse.

It will be a pity to say "good-bye" to the old methods of work to which members are accustomed and which in many cases were the chief attraction of the Troop, but the conclusion drawn from recent experience make change inevitable.

ROOM FOR MORE

With the change comes the need for more volunteer soldiers whose interests are mechanical rather than equine. Already some recruits have been enrolled on the strict understanding that their training will be "motorised" and not "horsey," but there is still room for a great many more.

As was emphasised in a recent article on the Volunteer Nursing Detachment, in time of emergency it would be extremely difficult to spare the personnel or the time to train the recruits who would undoubtedly join when danger threatened. Local Europeans are therefore urged to enrol without delay in this unit which will be one of the most important in the defence scheme in the event of attack on Hong Kong.



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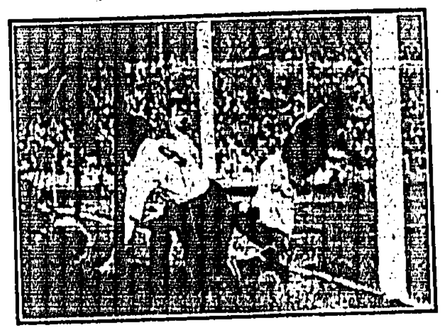

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Hong Kong's Women of Leisure

Did The Pin-Money Girl By Any Chance Listen Into The Broadcast Talk A Few Weeks Ago On Clubs for the Young?

As the writer of a recent article in the "Sunday Herald," deploring the presence in an already over-crowded labour market of "pin-money girls," I have been taken to task for venturing to tell the girls in the Colony who do not have to earn their living what they ought not to do with the large measure of free time which is at their disposal, without at the same time suggesting avenues of employment for their leisure hours.

I had hardly thought it necessary to have to point out to anybody in Hong Kong blessed with a pair of eyes and even a modicum of imagination what are some of the jobs waiting for the hands of willing workers.

Yesterday, not ten yards from the Ladies' Entrance to the Hong Kong Club seated on the edge of the pavement was a solemn faced little fellow of, I estimated, 4 or 5. He held in his arms a bundle and had about him such an air of "I mustn't move or I might drop it," that I retraced my steps to discover what it was he held so carefully. Deep down in the folds of a coarse blanket was a baby's face which, red and puckered, bore witness to the fact that it was only a very few days old. Nearby, selling papers, stood its hollow-checked, round-shouldered mother.

TO HIGH HEAVEN

Only a week previously, on the grass verge of a road which a band of coolie women was repairing, I had found a similar bundle, but in that case there was no brother, even so small a one, to take care of it.

Surely sights such as these cry to high heaven for a Creche? Yet in this densely populated city of Hong Kong, a city in which there are thousands of coolie women doing heavy manual work, often with a baby strapped to their backs, there is only one creche where the children may be left whilst their mothers earn the few cents which they need for the feeding of them.

Anybody who has lately had the opportunity of seeing the "Straits Times" will have noticed a page of pictures showing happy little Chinese slum children from one of Singapore's Creches enjoying a morning on the beach at Katong. In Singapore, apparently, not only do European girls volunteer to attend the Creches to play for an hour during the morning with the toddlers, but at frequent intervals they lend their cars, pack them with children and take them either to the beach or to one or other of the playgrounds for a morning's enjoyment away from the noise of the city.

DOES IT GIVE AN IDEA

Does that give the Hong Kong girl with leisure time an idea? Hasn't she here an aim to work for, the realisation of which would be of inestimable value to many a poor mother who MUST enter the labour market or starve.

Did the "pin-money girl" by any chance listen to the broadcast talk a few weeks ago on "Clubs for the Young" and hear the plea for volunteers from the privileged classes of the community? Has she ever bothered to enter one or other of the doorways bearing the inscription "Society for the Protection of Children," to see for herself what is being done there and to ascertain whether there is not something there in which she could lend a hand?

Mrs. D.O. Asks: Is It Nothing To You?

Has she driven, or better still walked, down some of the incredible streets of Hong Kong and Kowloon and seen the pathetic figures huddled on the pavements? She certainly could not fail to see them, but has she stopped to consider what will be their plight when the cold weather, which the rest of us await so eagerly, descends on them?

Some years ago when it first dawned on the people of England, particularly those who themselves did not live in an industrial area, that the depression about which everybody talked meant in hard fact that thousands of their fellow citizens were not only without work, but were actually cold and hungry, they were shocked into immediate action.

PERSONAL SERVICE LEAGUE

The PERSONAL SERVICE LEAGUE, under the chairmanship of a woman, was formed. Offers of help poured in. People gave money, food, clothing and those who had none of these to give, but could offer a spare hour gave that, whether in their own homes or at one of the League's branches. Sewing machines were lent and garments made; busy fingers knitted and out of odds and ends of woollen material blankets were devised. Prosperous families made themselves responsible for destitute families. The depression, in short, became everybody's concern.

When will there be a similar awakening of the public conscience in Hong Kong? It has been said that faced by appalling social conditions and by the needless suffering of humanity, one becomes either callous to it, or desperate. As yet there do not appear to be many signs of Hong Kong's comfortably-housed, well-fed population becoming desperate. Can it be that, even unconsciously, we are becoming callous to what goes on daily around us, hardened to what we see every time we leave our own doorstep?

HEAVY ODDS FOR THE FEW

With the Christian Churches noticeably in the forefront, valuable social work is being done in the Colony but, as always in the East where the climate offers an easy excuse for inactivity, it is in the hands of the few who duplicate jobs and struggle against heavy odds, whilst the rest (I speak of the women) kill time "doing a little shopping," playing Bridge and Mahjong, or merely gossiping with the friends over an iced drink in an air-conditioned restaurant.

Not having learnt, apparently, that the giving of money gives no pleasure comparable to that of giving service, the leisured woman when appealed to for help replies as often as not: "Alright. I'll give you a dollar" (or five, or ten, as the case may be), "But please don't ask me to DO anything."

It would be stupid, and also ungrateful, to belittle the many charitable efforts, the concerts, mahjong drives, sales of work etc. organised in the Colony by well-meaning women for local charities. Money is always needed, but the giving of a subscription, the buying of a ticket, is only the first step and a very easy step when it entails on the part of the giver no sacrifice. It acts probably as a salve to one's conscience: it enables one the better to enjoy one's dinner: one doesn't feel quite so uncomfortable about that pitiable sight one saw on the way home. But under the abnormal conditions under which we are now living in Hong Kong something more is required.

THE FRINGE

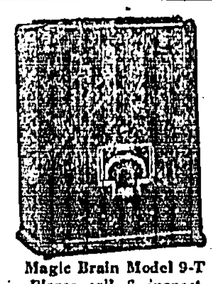
Let us forestall criticism and admit what whatever we do can but touch the fringe of the problem. Let us admit that if we gave blankets and clothes when the cold weather comes, some of them at least would be sold or pawned, but who are we, who have probably never known the pangs of unsatisfied hunger, nor the agony of hearing our children whimper for the food we could not give them, to criticise a destitute woman who prefers food to raiment?

In any case there already exist in the Colony charitable organisations, such as the Society for the Protection of Children, the Christian Social Service Centre and the Salvation Army, to whom the responsibility of dispensing our help could be safely entrusted.

GIVE AS WELL AS RECEIVE

Lastly, we European women are not presumably in the Colony for the good of our health, but because our husbands are earning a living here and for that reason, if for no other, we surely ought to be prepared to give, even as we are receiving.

We do not hesitate to ring up our friends and ask them round for a morning's Mahjong; we are not too hot and tired to sit for three hours round a card-table; we have sufficient energy to attend A.R.P. lectures. Have we not then sufficient energy to organise working parties amongst our friends, to supplement the few already in existence, and to prove our willingness to do at least something towards discharging our obligations to society by working with our hands for the women and children whose lot is so very different from our own.



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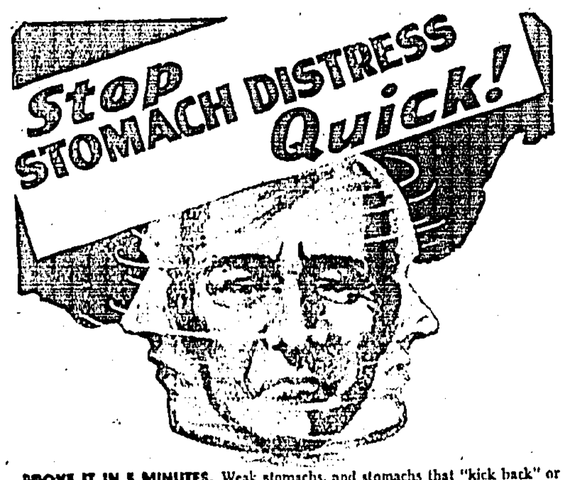

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THROUGH AT FORTY!

Not This Hong Kong Lady Who Has A Philosophy For The Woman In Despair

I was very much interested in the article which appeared in the "Sunday Herald on September 11, "Life Ends at 40."

My first reaction was amusement. It reminded me of something I read 24 years ago, when I was at the end of life according to the article just mentioned. Some one had discovered on one of those mysterious South Sea islands, we used to hear about once in a while. A strange tribe, very light in colour and a very high standard of civilisation, so high that they never allowed any once to live over 40 years. No matter how healthy he or she was he or she had to die.

It may be, that our friend who is "40 and through" was a member of that group in her last incarnation.

What is life? Is it a round of cocktail parties, (whatever that may be) dances, shows, and so on. If that is all God's "masterpiece" was created for, it is not worth fighting for. Life is more than that. Goethe said, "Lay hold of life with both hands, wherever thou mayest seige it; it is interesting." And Cicero, "I know not any season of life that is passed more agreeably than that of virtuous old age."

I did as our friend suggested. I had a good look at myself in my mirror this morning, and I saw a fair face, blue eyes, still bright, fair hair with many white ones among them, and when I laughed, a good set of teeth which has done good service for over 60 years and looks as though it might last another 60. Wrinkles? I'll say so; Wrinkles galore. But they are not so very ugly. In fact, they add something which that smooth girl-face did not have.

I shall be 64 next month, so you see I have gone 24 years since "life has ended," and I am still "going strong." I am earning my own living and I am doing better-work in my line this year than I so on to the end.

Through at 40? Most of the men and women who have achieved success in anything have done their best work after 40. How they would laugh if we told them life ended at 40.

I love children and young people, but how insipid life would be if we were surrounded by none but those frivolous young things of 40 and under. We need the people with more experience to add piquancy to life.

Dear lady, cocktail parties, dances, and shows will not bring back your lost youth. They will only bring more wrinkles if indulged in to excess. God help the nation or individual whose sole aim is pleasure.

If your husband, children and your pleasant home are not enough to give you pleasure, (as a rule they keep one busy) seek for something else. If you have a talent, find it. You must have one. Develop it. Don't try to be pleasantly intellectual over anything. (I hate being pleasantly intellectual). Be really serious. Don't live on the surface. Dig down deep into that subconscious mind you speak of and you will find plenty to occupy you instead of worrying over those few wrinkles which very likely make you more interesting.

I do not smoke, drink cocktails, use cosmetics, nor paint my fingernails a bright red. So you see I am hopelessly mid-victorian, but I am too modern to think or hint that I am through at 64 and I can truthfully say with Browning,

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Two recent facts prove this. First, every European country has put its land defences (and, in our case, sea defences) into such order that stalemate would be the result of any attack across a frontier. Second, the official report just issued on the bombardment of civilian populations in Government Spain proves that the aggressor nations have been preparing for this situation by learning to attack civilian populations by air.

There is no "anti-Fascist propaganda" about this statement. An official report, signed by two British military men, has found that some raids were deliberate attacks on the civilian morale, and that others may have been badly aimed attacks on military objectives, which hit the civilian population instead.

I live between the Battersea Power Station and Clapham Junction, both military objectives. It will do me no good at my post-mortem if it is found that I was hit by mistake for one or other of these; and my experience of raids in Barcelona convinced me that the aggressors will not waste time trying to hit military objectives when they can be sure of hitting a good many of the millions of people like myself, on whose morale the war depends.

Very well. It war has not broken out it may at any time. We shall probably only know when the bombs drop. We are in the front line trenches: men in the Maginot Line or on a British destroyer are far safer than your family and mine.

That so, Britons are fools unless we insist upon finding out what the Government has done for us. Do you realise that, as far as we know, the Government has done virtually nothing?

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Oh, yes, there are forty million gas masks, and, although they all of them leak to a certain extent, that is something, provided you know where your gas mask is, how to get it, and how to use it.

There are people going around lecturing on gas masks. Perhaps you have been to hear them. Do they inspire you with confidence? This is the sort of thing that happens. They tell you to keep your mask ready at hand in your home, when it is finally given out to you.

Questioner: "If I am at work when an air alarm is sounded, am I to take a bus home to get my gas mask?"

Apparently the lecturer never thought of that. . . .

Front line trenches should consist of trenches and dug-outs. Where are there trenches or dug-outs in London? The Government has a scheme. But schemes are no good against high explosives. More than that, the Government and certain big offices have already got their shelters. That means that for you and me the only protection against High Explosive at present is to get a job in Whitehall or the Bank of England or somewhere like that.

I asked a high official what help the people were to get in doing this, besides advice. He actually answered that to dig a zig-zag trench in his garden was a pleasant Sunday afternoon's job for a working-man. He did not add that it would be very light labour for the millions whose only garden is a window-box.

This same official said that any handy man could strengthen his cellar with a few beams and props, which, of course, he could buy himself.

Apparently he never thought that these beams would, for hundreds of thousands of families, mean several weeks' milk supply for the children. I am sure this official, if he is a handy man and props up his own cellar, will not have to lose a single glass of milk in consequence.

If your town is in the front line trenches, you will naturally suppose that the Government has already seen to it that, when war breaks out, nobody will be in it who ought not to be.

In France they had completed arrangements for evacuating Paris more than a year ago. Our Government has not yet issued its report on evacuation.

When it comes out, I have excellent reason for believing that it will only cover nursing mothers and pre-school children.

That last fact sums up the true situation. **The Government has not begun to think in terms of the population as a whole.** A.R.P. programmes do not adequately include the poor man. As things are, the rich man's dog will be better cared for than the worker's child.

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It comes down to this. The Government is falling down over A.R.P., and, unless we are all to be left in the lurch, we must do something ourselves.

Take the question of food storage. Evacuation on a large scale will mean the breakdown of normal food distribution. There will not be a few weeks or months to create food control, as in the Great War. The danger will begin within forty-eight hours of the first air raid. Yet the Government has set up no machinery whatever to feed the millions who will be on the move.

They are perfectly aware that the problem exists. I know of several public concerns, which are already setting up commissariat departments and storing food, knowing that they will be faced with the breakdown of food distribution on the outbreak of war.

Once more, if you want to be certain of food in three weeks' time, you had better get a job in Whitehall or the Bank of England, or some such place.

You can't do that? You surprise me.

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Some time ago elaborate plans were being worked out by the Government for the storage of flour and other necessities in huge quantities. Then they were told by the Admiralty that we would certainly have command of the seas, so that the need was not so great as they had thought. They scrapped a lot of work already done, and nobody really knows now how far the Government's food storage plans exist anywhere except on paper.

But the real danger has nothing to do with command of the seas. It has to do with the dislocation when large areas have to be evacuated, and when railways and roads, which have not been closed by bomb craters, are needed for war services.

My own opinion is that the Government knows that it cannot deal with the breakdown of essential services, which is bound to follow air warfare. No capitalist Government can deal with this breakdown; and that is exactly why we, the people, if we are not to starve, must wake up to what is happening, and prepare to deal with it ourselves.

The first step is to realise the problem. Fortunately, 60,000 members of the Left Book Club will now be reading Haldane's "A.R.P." (and may I take this opportunity to say once more that Haldane and I regard his book and my "Air Raid" as complementary studies, and not, as some people have tried to make out contradictory).

Having read Haldane's book, our next step is to realise that it is no good waiting around for the Government to save us.

The Peace Councils, all the democratic organisations must call meetings to discuss the situation, and demand that their leaders not merely offer co-operation to the Government—things have gone too far for that—but proceed to take over the administration of those parts of A.R.P. that the Government is neglecting.

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And that brings me to my final point. Air warfare is going to make some of our bureaucratic forms of Government obsolete, simply by putting the civilian population into the front line trenches.

You cannot bully civilians, as if they were a lot of hired mercenaries. A far wider measure of democracy will be needed to run the country than has ever been known before. We cannot expect the Government to tell us that. We must tell the Government.

Governments fall when they are faced with a situation with which they cannot deal. A.R.P. brings such a situation. From the start the Government has been undemocratic about A.R.P. It thought it could fool the people into a sense of security with a one-and-six-penny gas mask and silence about high explosive. It thought it could dragoon the people with Colonel Blimps as Air Wardens.

It thought it could get away with a picture of A.R.P. evacuation, which amounts to, "Jump into your private motor-car, and put the servants and dear Fido in the dickey." It thought it could leave things to private enterprise, which means that wealthy schools are able to migrate to Norfolk, but Battersea schools will remain near Battersea Power Station.

Well, if we are content with the Government's A.R.P. thinking, we had better insist, at least, on the immediate provision of more mortuaries. But by the time this article appears, it may be too late.

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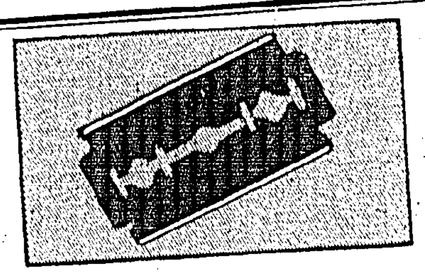

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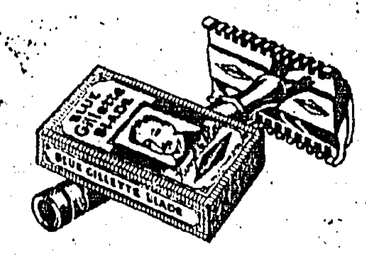

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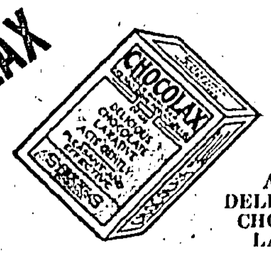

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The Wondering Jews

by YAFFLE

IT appears that the German and Italian Jews must leave the country they are in, yet may not enter any other.

This raises difficult problems, largely mathematical. As geography is at present arranged, you cannot, while remaining on dry land, go out of one country without finding yourself immediately in another.

You cannot stay in between, for a boundary line, though having plenty of length, has no breadth —a political difficulty which Euclid, whose logic was well in advance of his usefulness, did not foresee—and it has been found on examination that all Jews possess at least three dimensions.

The Jews may neither move nor remain where they are. So what? This raises another problem: Is it necessary for a body to be either moving or not moving?

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Hitherto, scientists have recognised only two states for a body to be in. Their attitude is based on their unquestioning acceptance of Newton's Laws of Motion, which assert that a body must be either at rest or in motion.

Now, I have nothing to say against Newton, but it must be confessed that he did not allow for the political problem arising out of modern race-purity theories, which have induced certain European statesmen to state categorically that, whatever laws may apply to other bodies, a Jewish body shall be neither in motion nor at rest.

Scientific laws providing no solution, we turn to grammar. Here we find a possible solution in what is known as the Future Gerund, and may be expressed by the phrase, "To be about to move."

Those of you who have had experience of a domestic Moving Day will know there is a stage at which one may be said to be neither at home nor away from home. One is not in motion, yet one is certainly not at rest.

For hours, it may be for days, the process of moving consists in remaining immobile, waiting for the van to come. Should a neighbour look in and say, "Why are you sitting on the stairs?" you may truthfully reply, "Because I am moving."

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Again, in democratic countries, where the people have what is called a "stable Government," the political system provides us with the means of moving and remaining motionless simultaneously.

For example, it is a common thing for a Government to be doing nothing at all and at the same time to be going on and on and up and up. Members of the Cabinet may pass their days in a state of repose that is to all outward seeming moribund, and yet be hard at work exploring avenues and turning stones. Our economic situation, too, may stagnate in a rigid deadlock while turning corner after corner in rapid succession.

Were such a country to decide to expel its Jews, the problem would be easily solved. The expelled Jews would be able to remain in situ for generations, so long as they always kept a mangle and a bird-cage in the front garden to show they were moving.

And so it would come to pass that the Israelites would dwell long in that land, and wax fruitful, and peace would come upon them and upon their children even unto the nth generation.

And certain of the scribes would wax wrath, and say to the rulers of the land, "Why dost thou suffer these people to remain among us? Hast thou not said unto them, Depart from hence? Yet they part not.

And the rulers would answer them, saying, "Why dost thou say that thing which is not? We have sought every avenue and found no Israelites therein. Yea, in the houses which were the houses of the Israelites there now dwell none, but Scots and Macs, the sons of Scots. For, lo, the Israelites have turned the corner."

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Failing the adoption of such sound democratic expedients by totalitarian statesmen, the opinion has again been expressed that Britain, out of the greatness of her wealth and her sympathy, should give asylum to these refugees.

Now, there is no doubt in the minds of any of us that England is the champion of the down-trodden and the oppressed. Our poets have provided us with plenty of documentary evidence in support of this, and our laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals are rigidly enforced.

I admit it is not easy for any student of history who is not also a poet to point to any specific occasion when the succouring of the oppressed actually took place, yet the impression remains that this is our customary practice.

The explanation is simple: We have always intended to succour the oppressed, but unforeseen circumstances have always prevented us. With characteristic generosity we have taken the will for the deed.

Our attitude to the down-trodden has been that well-intentioned, but unavoidably deterred, benevolence which marked the soldier who wrote home —"Dear Mother, I am sending you ten shillings, but not this week."

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We are a humane nation, and we should very much like to be generous to the unfortunate Jews. But charity begins at home, if you can afford it, and we have not yet decided whether the minimum weekly diet for our own people is to be 4s. 3½d. or 5s. 5¾d.

If the Jews would postpone their appeal for a few years, until we have settled one or two details, they would not, I feel sure, appeal in vain. For the motto of every Englishman is "Ready, aye, ready," adding, on occasions of national expenditure, "Steady, boys, steady."

If, however, the Jews are really in a hurry, I suggest that they go down on all fours and bark. Then the great heart of England would respond immediately to their appeal, and the great pocket of England might even cough up a tanner or two.

Glancing back at my remarks, I find I have omitted to mention the schemes that have been mooted for the colonisation of Jews in a country of their own. One is in an uncomfortable part of Africa and the other is in a country where there is a war on. This was careless of me.

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IS WUHAN DOOMED?

General Li Chung Yen Retains Full Confidence

By Gerald L. G. Samson.

Hankow, Yesterday.

"HANKOW will never fall into Japanese hands; moreover we are now in a position to inflict unprecedented losses on the enemy," confidently declared Marshal Li Tsung-yen in an exclusive interview with the writer on the eve of his return to the front personally to direct the drive against the Japanese forces at Kwangtsi, on the north bank of the Yangtse.

To one who had recently arrived from Hong Kong, where as long as three months ago, Hankow was spoken of as a doomed city, it was indeed refreshing to hear such optimism. Furthermore, I must admit that Hankow bears few of the signs of a doomed city such as Japanese reports would have us believe. Over in Wuchang and in other districts, the bombed areas are as extensive as those in Canton. There is also a fair amount of military activity to be observed, especially along the Hankow bund where elaborate defence works are being prepared. What with its sandbagged machine-gun nests and its heavy barbed-wire defences, the French Concession too bears the appearance of an armed camp. Nevertheless, the general atmosphere is decidedly nonchalant.

DUMP STREET

Lunch and dinner parties are still frequently given in Chinese and foreign circles; whilst three good cinemas, a popular ballroom-restaurant in the French concession, and several cabarets in so-called "Dump Street" are all well patronised. The Navy Y.M.C.A. has become the rendezvous of the foreign press correspondents and cameramen, and so good and cheap is both accommodation and food in this well-run hospice, that it is impossible to get a room without booking well in advance. The Lutheran Mission next door also has a waiting-list. Hotel accommodation, in fact, is at a premium in this "city of doom." Food supplies are plentiful; there is, however, a shortage of drugs.

The native city presents an equally calm exterior. During and immediately after a bad air-raid, the people are obviously scared; yet the next day, seemingly, they have forgotten all about it—business proceeding as usual.

SLOWLY ADVANCING

Authentic news from the battle-front, however, is not quite so reassuring. The Japanese forces which are slowly advancing with two arms outstretched in the direction of Wuhan, one either side of the Yangtse, are increasing their pressure daily. Both these arms have spread-eagled fingers which divide the northern and southern fronts into a series of different sectors, the most advanced Japanese column being less than a hundred miles away.

Nevertheless, as Marshal Li pointed out, the difficulties of the Japanese are increasing with every step. The hilly terrain makes it well nigh impossible for them to use their mechanised units, and in addition presents a formidable obstacles to the transportation of supplies. The morale of the Japanese troops is likewise far inferior to that exhibited in Shanghai a year ago, the Marshal assured me.

MORALE HIGH

As to the morale of the Chinese troops, competent observers inform me that, by and large, it is quite satisfactory, despite an epidemic of malaria which has been raging for weeks now. Incidently the Japanese are also suffering severely from this malady. The shortage, or rather the complete absence of quinine in many sectors, accounting in large measure for the rapid spread of this fever on the Chinese side. The use of concentrated forms of tear gas and sneezing gas by the Japanese has, in addition, forced the Chinese to yield ground repeatedly of late. Sometimes hundreds of gas containers are laid out in rows by the Japanese, the wind taking the fumes across to the Chinese lines. Gas shells and gas hand-grenades are also being employed by the Nipponese forces in their efforts to dislodge the Chinese from their strongly fortified positions. Both tear gas and sneezing gas, by the way, are far more deadly than their names denote.

POISON GAS

We were told at yesterday's press conference that the concentrated forms used by the Japanese are almost as strong as the first chloride gas used by the Germans in the Great War. Then, to prove his case, the Chinese military spokesman, a chemical expert who had graduated from Kiel University in Germany, exhibited several gas containers allegedly captured from the Japanese during the recent fighting at Mahuiling on the south Yangtse front, and proceeded to experiment with one of them. Taking a few small pieces of pumice-stone from the interior of the container (the chemical compound which produces sneezing gas being absorbed in the pumice-stone), he placed them in a small pan standing on a tripod. A bunsen burner was put underneath the pan and in less than a minute gas fumes began to rise from the pumice-stone. Those of us who for a fraction of a second inhaled some of the fumes, soon regretted we had done so—being obliged to rush from the room. My throat and nostrils immediately started to burn most painfully and I was in real agony for the next twenty minutes. Then the evil effects gradually commenced to wear off. I must have sneezed dozens of times, my handkerchief being wet through in a few minutes. And even this morning the back of my throat is still sore.

GAS MASKS

Imagine the how much more seriously it must effect the soldiers who are subjected to it for a prolonged period. Actually it causes bad vomiting bleeding from the nose, faintness and occasionally even death. Gas masks would, of course, give the soldiers ample protection. Unfortunately, however, only a few divisions are thus equipped, and many of their masks are by no means in first-class condition. Fresh supplies, I understand, are slowly reaching the front; but even so, it will be necessary to instill in the rank and file much greater confidence in their use before the soldiers become immune to this method of attack. For directly the average Chinese soldier smells a little gas under his mask, he is apt to pull it off right away, thereby falling an easy victim to the gas fumes. Furthermore, it is high time that the Chinese Army reconciled itself to the fact that gas as a weapon of war has been in general use ever since the Great War, even by the police forces of most nations.

For if once the Chinese soldier gets it into his head that he is defenceless against a gas attack and therefore retreats automatically, the strong lines of defence so laboriously constructed by the High Command, are bound to crumble.

LEAGUE AID?

I would also like to draw attention to the dangers inherent in the latest plea to the League of Nations. The principle result, whether intended or not, has been to inculcate a false hope of foreign intervention in the near future. In fact some quarters appear to be definitely counting on it. Surely the Chinese nation has learnt by now that the League has no intention of lending any positive aid to China. Personally I doubt its power to do so effectively even if it so decided. As we have seen on past occasions, to get concerted action from a number of Powers, unless the issue be one of life or death, presents almost insurmountable difficulties. That I deeply deplore such a state of affairs was made clear in my July article wherein I described the failure of the Great Powers to put an end to Japan's barbaric invasion of China as both criminal and cowardly. But China must face facts. In other words she must take care not to emulate the boxer in the ring who has just received a hard punch from his opponent and looks towards the audience for assistance.

PRICE FOR CAPTURE

As to whether Wuhan is doomed, this depends, in my opinion, on whether the Japanese are prepared to pay the necessary price for its capture. If their forces continue to increase the present pressure on all fronts, having made up their minds to fight their way forward, cost what it may, under prevailing conditions Wuhan must fall sooner or later. Precisely when it is still a matter of conjecture. Here in Hankow there are those in informed circles who expect the Japanese to reach the city by the middle of November; the more cautious, however, are inclined to believe that unless there is some unexpected let-down on the Chinese side, it will take the Japanese rather longer—perhaps until Christmas, though at the moment this appears optimistic.

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(By A Special Correspondent)

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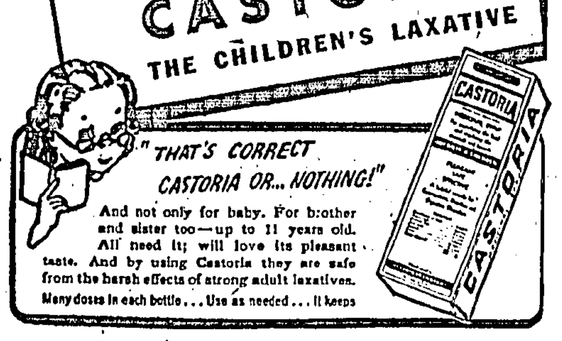

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H. N. BRAILSFORD says: While the War Clouds Gather over Prague

We Must Not Forget Spain

THE Central European crisis raises problems that are far from simple, since it has its origin in 20 years of troubled history. But one aspect of it is exceedingly simple.

What all of us in this island expected of the British Government was that it should veto a solution by war or even by armed pressure. That it could have done long ago by associating itself with France and the Soviet Union in a firmly-knit defensive group to keep the peace of Europe.

It missed its opportunity five weeks ago, when Germany began her threatening mobilisation on August 15. Had the British Government then realised its responsibilities, it would have refused to continue its work of mediation until Hitler demobilised the forces massed to terrorise the Czechs.

It would have recalled Lord Runciman and given the Czechs a complete and public pledge of its support against attack.

It did nothing of the kind. What it did do was to redouble its pressure on the Czechs. While Germany mobilised British diplomacy has driven the Government of Prague to concede virtually the whole series of Nazi demands.

As it retreated under the threats of its enemies and the pressure of its friends, German arrogance has only increased.

It is probably true that Hitler and Von Ribbentrop, observing the hesitating, irresolute conduct of Downing Street, believe, as the Kaiser believed in 1914, that they may threaten anything, dare anything, snatch anything without arousing England to action.

They watched this Government's betrayal of Abyssinia, China, Austria and Spain. They drew the natural conclusion.

CZECH PEACE TERMS

Let us see what the Czechs have been driven to concede. Some of the German demands are entirely proper. Their language should enjoy equal rights. They ought in one way or another to manage the education and social services of their own people.

It is right that they should enjoy their fair share of public posts.

Again, the Czechs acted wisely in conceding a loan for the reconstruction of the industries in this distressed area. It is economic misery rather than racial feeling that has driven the masses of the German population into the camp of the extremists. These are not concessions to regret.

But the British plan is one that has been forced on the Czechs against their better judgment.

Given the temper of the dominant Nazi party, it looks like disaster. Taking orders from Hitler, this Party, in control of three counties bordering on the German Reich, are already acting as if it are already within it.

Even the cantonal plan was by no means sound. Of that we have a model in Danzig. The Nazis who control city are in no way incommoded by its Constitution. They oppress the Socialist minority, terrorise the Press and make life a burden to the Jews as if they were the Fuehrer's subjects.

That would have happened in Sudeten cantons. What to stop it? The official would be of the Nazi Party. The police would be under their orders. Behind the police there would be, as there are already, Storm Troops on the German model.

END OF LIBERTY

To hand over the border districts and Czech defences would be suicidal. Sooner or later, if this crisis ends peacefully, in six months or in twelve, the Nazis will use these advantages to break the republic in pieces.

The main issue, however, has yet to be faced. The Nazis will not be satisfied until they control the whole of Czechslovakia and detach it from France.

The whole debate over national rights within this German fringe is a mere pretext that barely conceals the real stakes in a game of power. By driving the Czechs to make concessions that have a look of suicide, the Western Powers allow themselves to be worsted in that contest.

There are things in life that matter more than this sordid game of power. The prestige of the British and French master class may be a matter of indifference to Socialists; but Nazi hegemony means, wherever it spreads, the end of liberty, the crushing of the workers, the destruction of all the spiritual values on which Western civilisation is founded.

LABOUR'S CALL

On this Czech question, in its manifesto from Blackpool, the Labour Movement expressed itself as strongly as anyone could demand.

If the Party spoke stoutly and well for the Czechs, its effort in this manifesto for the Spaniards was perfunctory.

Let us do all in our power to save the Czechs from the horrors of war, but have two years of familiarity dulled our eyes until we see no longer the ruined cities of Spain and forget that a whole generation of its gallant youth is being slaughtered while we look on impassive?

These are not two wars. The same Fascist enemy, the same Rome-Berlin axis that threatens Czechoslovakia is actually destroying Spain.

In words the manifesto made the proper demands. The French frontier should be opened. Until that is done, we are blockading our friends, while we open to our foes the roads of land and sea. To the Republic should be restored the right to supply itself with arms.

WORDS NOT ENOUGH

But words are not enough. Mr. Little, for the engineers, fought over again their difference with the General Council. Everything that is generous and alive in the Party sides with the engineers.

When they refused to ease the way for rearmament by consenting to dilution, they were not, as Sir Walter Citrine argued, flaunting Democracy or ignoring Parliament. They were not attempting by direct industrial action to impose their will on the nation. Day by day they perform their customary work according to the accepted rules. What the Government asked of them was an extraordinary sacrifice, a surrender of their interests that might cost them dear in years to come.

They refused because they have no trust in this Government or its policy. For the defence of Democracy they will make sacrifices, but not for a policy of cowardice and retreat.

The test question for them was Spain. They would agree to dilution, as Mr. Little plainly told Congress, if the embargo were lifted that keeps the Republic half-armed.

That was a brave and generous answer. If the General Council had faced the Cabinet in this spirit, it could have saved Spain and turned the tide of the battle for Democracy over all Europe. If organised Labour had used all its resources to defeat Fascism in Spain the Czechs would not be in peril to-day.

ARMS FOR SPAIN

My suggestion is that the Labour Movement, political and industrial, should "remove" this ban by breaking it. In plain words, it should openly send arms to Spain, and then challenge the Government to imprison the whole Opposition.

When a law has become a fraud, it is time for honest men to defy it, as Thoreau and John Brown defied the law that sanctified slavery.

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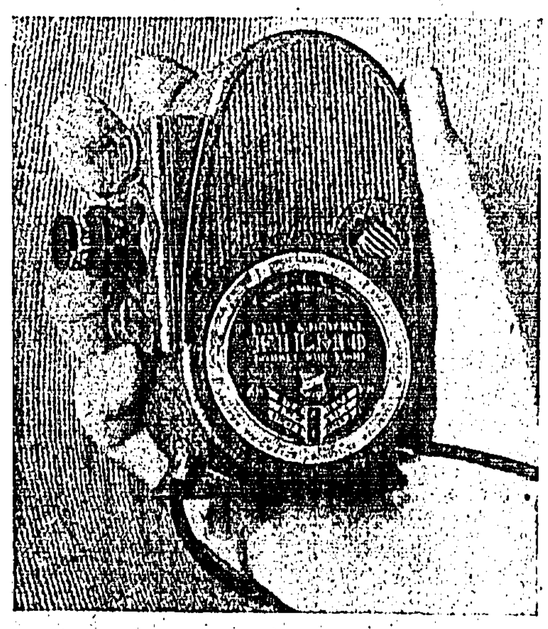

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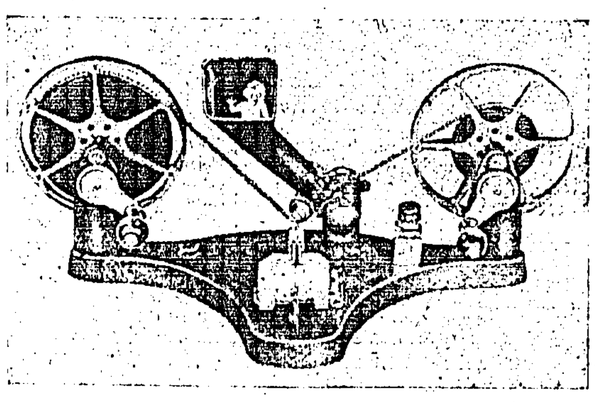

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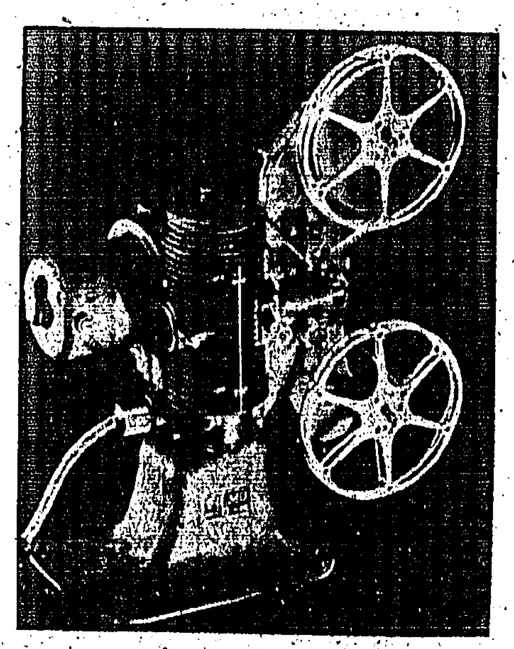

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LORD PLYMOUTH DISCUSSING SPAIN

LONDON, YESTERDAY

LORD PLYMOUTH, CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE, YESTERDAY RECEIVED THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR AND THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

It is understood that these visits had relation to the proposal that Mr. Hemming, secretary of the Non-Intervention Committee, should visit Spain for the purpose of explaining to both sides the plan for withdrawal of foreign volunteers.

The speech which Dr. Negrin, the Spanish Prime Minister, made at Geneva this week on the same subject is under consideration in London.

Preliminary view is that it appears to be a valuable contribution towards the general aim of attaining elimination of foreign elements from Spain. — British Wireless.

CHOLERA

Six further cases of cholera yesterday brought the total since the outbreak of the epidemic to 443. Of the latest cases, four were in Victoria and two in Kowloon.

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Decisive Moment In Struggle Arrived

Prague, Yesterday.

Extraordinary military activity is observable here. At various positions in the city, trenches were being dug; for instance, immediately in front of the Prague Parliament and at different other places and immediately behind a large newly built goods railway station.

The re-occupation of Sudeten German territory by Czech soldiery continued yesterday.

It is stated there were many dead in Asch but how many is not yet known exactly.

The mobilisation affects men up to 40 years of age who are required to report within six hours.

The Czech wireless stations announced last night shortly after 10 o'clock in the Czechoslovak, Hungarian and German languages the mobilisation of the entire Czechoslovak army.

The broadcast announcement called upon all those in possession of a mobilisation order to proceed by the shortest route to his place of garrison. All those liable for service should use the railways for reaching their garrisons. Those who had a special note in their military identification papers were called upon to take fast trains.

The wireless further stated that in large cities information would be furnished by military persons who would wear special badges indicating their function.

Those required to do military service were called upon to appear in old clothes and to bring all military and identification papers.

Besides the railway lines State omnibuses are available for transport purposes. All owners of vehicles of any kind as well as horses and aeroplanes are ordered to report to the authorities at once.

At the close of the broadcast the announcer said: "The decisive moment in our struggle has arrived. Success depends on every single man. The protection of our country and our families depends now upon everyone placing his life, his property, his all unreservedly at the service of our cause. Be calm, courageous, steadfast. Our fight is just. Long live free Czechoslovakia!" — Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations yesterday:—

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STEAM LAUNDRY THIEF

Ho Wing, 28, unemployed, and Lai Din, 27, a coolie employed by the Steam Laundry, yesterday appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy charged with stealing one towel and two pillow covers from the laundry. Ho Wing was further charged with receiving.

Mr. A. E. Ramsey appeared on behalf of the Steam Laundry.

Defendants were each fined $10 or three weeks' hard labour.

RECORD COLONY SURPLUS IN SIGHT

With revenue for July this year $408,481 over the corresponding period last year, there is no doubt that the Colony will have a record surplus in 1938.

Total revenue between January 1 and July 31 this year was $21,965,284, or only $8,289,636 below the estimated total for the whole year.

Revenue for the first seven months of the present year exceeded expenditure by $1,380,474, bringing the Colony's surplus balance of assets over liabilities to $15,382,752.

Judging by figures to date, revenue by the end of the year should exceed estimates by about $7,000,000, and as expenditure is not likely to exceed the estimate of $33,379,549, a record surplus is indicated.

Expenditure during July was $2,829,340, bringing the total since the beginning of the year to $20,584,810, only slightly over one million more than during the same period in 1937. Principal increases this year have been for the Kowloon-Canton Railway, Military Contribution, Miscellaneous Services, Pensions, Radio Traffic Office and Charitable Services.

PUBLIC DEBT

Of the charge on account of Public Debt, the sum of $1,254,871 has already been paid out, as compared with an estimate, for the entire year, of $1,351,631. Nearly a million dollars was paid in July accounting for that month's high expenditure.

Largest increases in revenue during July were from Duties, the Kowloon-Canton Railway and Miscellaneous Receipts ($85,201 higher).

Railway revenue during the month totalled $172,217, a slight increase over the preceding month and $83,142 higher than July, 1937.

Revenue from the line for the first seven months of the year amounted to $1,186,139, almost five lakhs over the same period last year, and over lakh higher than the estimate for all 1938.

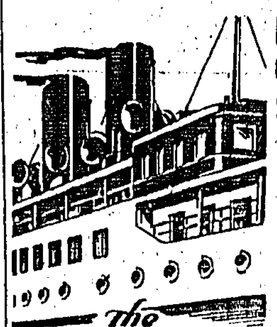
LAND SALE

Land sales figures reveal an increase of $228,107 over July last year, an increase of $493,367 for the first seven months compared to the same period in 1937, and an excess of over three lakhs over the estimate for the whole year 1938.

Treasury Bills

London, Yesterday.

The total amount applied for in tenders for £40,000,000 Treasury bills was £58,215,000. Average rate per cent. for bills at three months was 19/7.07d. against 18/10,75d. a week ago.



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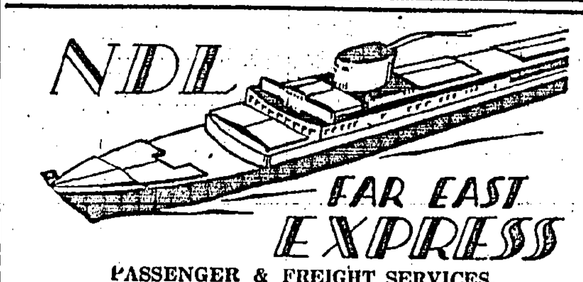

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Interport Cricket Trial Proves Disappointing

COLLEDGE MOST IMPRESSIVE: MAN BADLY INJURED

Leckie Best Bowler

NOT by any stretch of imagination could the first cricket Interport trial, held at Sookunpoo yesterday, be termed a success.

Bowling was erratic and batting was feeble to a degree and, to cap matters, C. M. M. Man, of Middlesex Regiment, who had kept wicket very creditably for most of Owen-Hughes' team's innings, stopped a bumper from Bowker, which Madar, batting, appeared to deflect on to his eye, and, after being treated by Dr. Ride, who was playing, was removed to the Military Hospital, Bowen Road. He is likely to be out of the game for some time to come.

Bowker's XI, which looks uncommonly like an Interport team less the Kowloon Cricket Club players who were engaged in a trial on their own ground, had first lease of the wicket and, considering this was an Interport trial with the cream of Hong Kong's cricketers on view, gave a very fair imitation of a collection of schoolboys being tried out for the House XI.

With the exception of Minu, who told me after the match that he definitely would not be going, there was only one on view who gave any impression at all that he was a possible representative of the Colony, and there is little doubt that the batting will have to be considerably strengthened before even a remote hope can be entertained that Hong Kong can even give Shanghai a game.

Kilbee and Man opened the innings and managed to give a very good impression of how they would consider a batsman should bat if he were engaged in a timeless match.

Kilbee, while playing his defensive shots very nicely, carried defensive play to the extreme and later on, when he should have been set, he patted back long hops with religious care.

BRILLIANTLY STUMPED

Nazarin was shaping very well when he was brilliantly stumped by Colledge, and Godby included a beautiful off-drive and several "beefy" hooks in his 12, but A. R. Minu's dashing knock in the last few minutes was the highlight of the innings.

In one hectic over from Owen-Hughes, he hit the left-hander twice out of the ground with gloriously timed lofted off-drives and played a back drive, also to the fence, which strokes, together with a single, made his tally for the over no fewer than 13, almost as many runs as any other batsman had made in the entire innings.

Of the bowlers, Leckie appeared the most impressive. Taking two overs to find his length, he later mixed them up with great skill and his off and leg spinners, together with clever flighting, made him difficult to play at all times.

Madar also did well. He spun them both ways and was generally attacking all the time, while McLellan and Kitchell, who both went on rather late, proved successful. The latter owed a great deal to Colledge, for a catch and a stumping. The Civil Service wicket-keeper gave a great display behind the sticks and, apart from what appeared to be a difficult chance off Man early on, gave a flawless display.

Beck did not impress as a bowler as, although he was very fast, he was quite unable to find a length, but, although he did not make many runs he appeared very confident with the bat.

OUTSTANDING KNOCK

Opening for Owen-Hughes' XI, Bidwell and Colledge gave their side a fine start. The former played a fine straight bat, but Colledge's knock, after those that had gone before, stood out a mile. This stage of the season notwithstanding, he treated all the bowling strictly on its merits and was not afraid to punish anything that deserved punishment.

Weedon also gave a promising display, retiring at 17 after showing a very useful defence. Kitchell (25 not out) and Madar then played out time. Kitchell displayed a nice straight bat, while Madar was confidence personified.

Of the bowlers, Billimoria kept an immaculate length and his in-swingers and perfect length always made him a difficult proposition for the batsmen. He also gave a very useful display in the field and, in view of the fact that Minu is unable to make the trip, is likely to be awarded a cap.

TRIAL SUMMED UP

On their displays yesterday, it is felt that the following may be said to have fairly earned a further trial:—L. D. Kilbee, C. E. Godby, P. J. Billimoria, W. H. Colledge, A. R. Kitchell, J. H. B. Leckie and A. H. Madar.

Other players who did nothing to jeopardise their prospects are K. Nazarin, A. R. Abbas, A. C. I. Bowker, H. D. Bidwell, G. Souza and D. McLellan.

Of the players listed above, Kilbee, in view of the fine defence that he showed—a valuable asset for an opening batsman in Shanghai, where the new ball is made such good use of—would be invaluable to take the shine off it, Godby gave a useful all-round display, Billimoria, the only possible left-hander, Colledge, for his batting and wicket-keeping Leckie, for his bowling, and Kitchell and A. H. Madar for their all-round capabilities, must be included.

It is regretable that Man is not likely to be available, but Colledge will not prove an inadequate substitute behind the sticks and is obviously an infinitely better bat.

Scores:

MR. A. C. I. BOWKER'S XI

L. D. Kilbee, retired	23
C. M. M. Man, retired	12
E. Zimmern, c Owen-Hughes, b Madar	6
K. Nazarin, st. Colledge, b McLellan	4
L. T. Ride, c Owen-Hughes, b Kitchell	3
C. E. Godby, st. Colledge, b Kitchell	12
A. C. Beck, c and b McLellan	1
A. R. Abbas, c Bidwell, b McLellan	0
A. R. Minu, not out	18
A. C. I. Bowker, c Colledge, b Kitchell	0
P. J. Billimoria, c Leckie, b Kitchell	0
Extras (B.4)	4
Total	83

Fall of wickets:—1 for 33 (Man), 2 for 40 (Kilbee), 3 for 49 (Nazarin), 4 for 49 (Zimmern), 5 for 64 (Ride), 6 for 65 (Godby), 7 for 65 (Beck), 8 for 66 (Abbas), 9 for 69 (Bowker), 10 for 83 (Billimoria).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tufnell	5	3	4	0
Leckie	6	3	5	0
Pereira	4	0	11	0
Souza	5	1	15	0
Madar	5	1	5	1
McLellan	4	0	20	3
Kitchell	2.3	0	6	4
Owen-Hughes	1	0	13	0

MR. H. OWEN-HUGHES' XI

H. D. Bidwell, b Godby	12
W. H. Colledge, l.b.w., b Godby	23
M. P. Weedon, retired	17
G. Souza, c Minu, b Abbas	3
A. R. Kitchell, not out	25
A. H. Madar, not out	7
Extras	6
Total (for 4 wkts.)	93

T. A. Pearce, J. H. B. Leckie, H. Owen-Hughes, D. McLellan, L/S. Tufnell and A. P. Pereira did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 33 (Bidwell), 2 for 36 (Colledge), 3 for 46 (Souza), 4 for 65 (Weedon).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Beck	5	2	10	0
Minu	5	1	4	0
Godby	3	0	14	2
Billimoria	5	2	17	0
Abbas	5	1	11	1
Nazarin	4	1	9	0
Bowker	4	0	7	0
Kilbee	3	0	15	0

GRAY BOWLS WELL AT K.C.C.

Apart from promising bowling by S. A. Gray, Kowloon Cricket Club's Trial revealed no talent likely to be of use for the senior eleven.

A. A. DAND'S XI

E. C. Fincher, c Anderson, b Gray	23
F. A. Broadbridge, c Anderson, b Lee	0
G. F. O'Bryen, c Williams, b Gray	14
N. D. Lloyd, c Lee, b Gray	39
A. A. Dand, b Anderson	7
C. B. R. Sargent, c Anderson, b Gray	16
R. A. J. Simpson, b Williams	10
L. W. Hume, c Lee, b Madar	0
G. W. Giffen, not out	13
W. Nash, l.b.w., b Brokenshire	5
Extras (B6, LB2, WB2)	10
Totals	137

Fall of wickets: 1 for 1 (Broadbridge), 2 for 31 (Fincher), 3 for 44 (O'Bryen), 4 for 72 (Dand), 5 for 93 (Lloyd), 6 for 108 (Sargent, 7 for 117 (Hume), 8 for 118 (Simpson), 9 for 137 (Nash).

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lee	7	0	30	1
Luke	3	0	24	0
Gray	8	0	29	4
Baldwin	5	1	17	0
Anderson	2	0	5	1
Williams	2	0	6	1
Madar	1	0	1	1
Brokenshire	1.2	0	7	1
Broadbridge	1	0	8	0

D. J. N. ANDERSON'S XI

R. T. Broadbridge, b F. A. Broadbridge	36
T. A. Madar, retired	50
S. A. Gray, b Sargent	8
W. Bambro, b Lloyd	7
R. Baldwin, b Sargent	2
R. E. Lee, c Broadbridge, b Lloyd	5
Pte. Martin, c & b Northcott	17
Extras (B13, LB1, WB1, NB3)	18
Totals	103

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
‡Chiverall	4	1	12	2
*Paynter	5	0	20	1
Bloomfield	6	3	7	3
Denyer	5	0	14	0
Webb	3	0	10	0
Ratcliffe	4	0	11	0
Northcott	2.1	0	11	1

* 1 wide.
‡ 3 no-balls.

Have You Won?

Race 1

No. 2376	$1339.52
„ 2372	382.72
„ 3017	191.36

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 3040, 794, 327, 348, 1379, 45, 415, 1147, 1405.

Race 2

No. 2123	$1547.84
„ 1979	442.24
„ 2489	221.12

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 2693, 2965, 835, 1020, 1095, 2078 2420.

Race 3

No. 1670	$1723.40
„ 2720	492.40
„ 1470	246.20

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 2518, 608, 110, 567, 1654, 918, 3057.

Race 4

No. 3632	$1792.56
„ 1349	512.16
„ 2971	256.08

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 1000, 3553, 2076, 2263, 2948, 1417, 3036.

Race 5

No. 3180	$1910.44
„ 2865	545.84
„ 1088	272.92

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 1873, 381, 2590, 1332 1832.

Race 6

No. 3817	$1785.56
„ 2120	510.16
„ 276	255.08

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 3036, 422, 2425, 273, 2460, 486, 556, 2497, 1762, 3581, 318.

Race 7

No. 1513	$1776.32
„ 25	507.52
„ 3880	253.76

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 2263, 3220, 2036, 400, 1301, 4250, 2689, 1276, 728, 328, 3571, 2207, 3836, 356.

Race 8

No. 3933	$1952.16
„ 1696	557.76
„ 9	278.88

Unplaced runners ($50 each), Nos.: 834, 3346, 2098, 2106, 1113, 511, 2057.

Race 9

No. 3240	3828.16
„ 1731	1093.76
„ 460	546.88

Unplaced runners ($100 each), Nos.: 550, 3278, 3420, 2342, 2703, 2992, 3380, 1103, 3771.

Chiverall Does Well In Army Trial

A keen Army trial cricket match was played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Lt. Peal's XI beating Major Newnham's XI by the narrow margin of 3 runs.

LT. PEAL'S XI

C. S. M. Northcott, b Hebden	5
L/Cpl. Stanford, b Hebden	2
Sgt. Paterson, b Murphy	31
Cpl. Webb, c Newnham, b Hebden	4
Sgt. Painter, l.b.w., b Coombes	1
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Newnham, b Hobkirk	9
Lt. Chiverall, not out	38
Cpl. Denyer, c Martin, b Smith	0
Sgt. Bloomfield, run out	11
Lt. Peal, not out	5
Extras (LB1, NB1)	2
Totals	108

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Coombes	5	0	9	1
Hebden	5	1	13	3
Dobinson	3	0	22	0
Murphy	5	0	27	1
Vaughan	3	0	14	0
*Hobkirk	4	0	13	1
Smith	3.5	0	8	1

* bowled 1 no-ball.

MAJOR NEWNHAM'S XI

Sig. Smith, run out	7
Sig. Murphy, l.b.w., b Chiverall	2
L/Sgt. Baker, c Northcott, b Winfield	21
Sig. Dixon, b Chiverall	8
Trper. Dobinson, b Painter	2
Cpl. Vaughan, c ..Webb, b Bloomfield	1
Maj. Newnham, c Stanford, b Bloomfield	1
Pte. Coombes, not out	20
Bdr. Hebden, run out	6
Pte. Martin, c & b Northcott	17
Extras (B13, LB1, WB1, NB3)	18
Totals	103

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
‡Chiverall	4	1	12	2
*Paynter	5	0	20	1
Bloomfield	6	3	7	3
Denyer	5	0	14	0
Webb	3	0	10	0
Ratcliffe	4	0	11	0
Northcott	2.1	0	11	1

* 1 wide.
‡ 3 no-balls.

Second Trial To-day

A second Interport Cricket Trial will be held to-day at Kowloon Cricket Club, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

The two teams are:

Mr. A. C. I. Bowker's XI.—A. C. I. Bowker, L. D. Kilbee, L. T. Ride, A. C. Beck, Capt. Whitmarsh, C. M. M. Man, C. E. Godby, E. C. Fincher, D. J. N. Anderson, R. Lee, A. R. Minu and K. Nazarin.

Mr. H. Owen Hughes' XI.—H. Owen Hughes, T. A. Pearce, L. D. McLellan, H. D. Bidwell, W. Colledge, M. P. Weedon, N. D. Lloyd, A. R. Kitchell, A. H. Madar, G. Souza, A. P. Pereira and P. J. Billimoria.

"AUSSIES" SAIL

London, yesterday.—Seven members of the Australian Test cricket team sailed for Australia this morning. The remainder of the side, travelling overland, will pick up the boat at Toulon.—Reuter.

League Cricket Fixtures

The following are the complete Hong Kong Cricket League Fixtures for the 1938-39 season, home teams being mentioned first:

League I

21st January

Navy	v.	I.R.C.
Recreio	v.	Army
C.S.C.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v.	K.C.C.

28th January

C.S.C.C.	v.	Recreio
K.C.C.	v.	Army
Navy	v.	H.K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.

4th February

C.S.C.C.	v.	Craigengower
K.C.C.	v.	Navy
H.K.C.C.	v.	Army
Recreio	v.	I.R.C.

11th February

K.C.C.	v.	C.S.C.C.
I.R.C.	v.	Army
Navy	v.	C.C.C.
Recreio	v.	H.K.C.C.

25th February

C.S.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.
C.C.C.	v.	Recreio
H.K.C.C.	v.	K.C.C.
Navy	v.	Army

4th March

H.K.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.
C.C.C.	v.	Army
Navy	v.	C.S.C.C.
K.C.C.	v.	Recreio

11th March

H.K.C.C.	v.	C.C.C.
Recreio	v.	Navy
C.S.C.C.	v.	Army
K.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.

League II

7th January

P.R.C.	v.	Navy
Army	v.	H.K.C.C.
I.R.C.	v.	K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	v.	Recreio

14 January

C.S.C.C.	v.	Navy
K.C.C.	v.	University
P.R.C.	v.	Recreio
H.K.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.
C.C.C.	v.	Army

21st January

H.K.C.C.	v.	C.S.C.C.
K.C.C.	v.	C.C.C.
I.R.C.	v.	Navy
Army	v.	P.R.C.
University	v.	Recreio

28th January

H.K.C.C.	v.	Navy
Recreio	v.	C.C.C.
Army	v.	K.C.C.
University	v.	C.S.C.C.

4th February

Navy	v.	K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v.	C.S.C.C.
Army	v.	Recreio
I.R.C.	v.	University
P.R.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.

11th February

C.S.C.C.	v.	K.C.C.
Army	v.	I.R.C.
C.C.C.	v.	Navy
P.R.C.	v.	University
H.K.C.C.	v.	Recreio

25th February

Army	v.	C.S.C.C.
Recreio	v.	Navy
University	v.	C.C.C.
K.C.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
I.R.C.	v.	P.R.C.

4th March

Recreio	v.	K.C.C.
University	v.	H.K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	v.	P.R.C.
Army	v.	Navy
I.R.C.	v.	C.C.C.

11th March

P.R.C.	v.	K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
I.R.C.	v.	Recreio
Navy	v.	University

18th March

Army	v.	University
C.C.C.	v.	P.R.C.
I.R.C.	v.	C.S.C.C.

Newcomer Catches Punters Napping

Dark Hazard And Gold Sovereign Also Bring About Upsets

Three Wins For Mr. Needa

THE Jockey Club resumed the 1938 Racing Season yesterday at the Valley in fair weather, despite a threatening shower after tiffin, and before a large crowd.

The track is in excellent condition, but times were on the slow side due to the laying of new turf in numerous parts of the course.

The fact that Messrs Y. K. Wouh, H. J. A. Hearne and L. B. Chao, all well-known Northern riders, were taking part added interest to the Meeting, and in addition to this factor seven jockeys made their debut—Messrs. Leslie Wade, who secured a second in five starts, P. Y. T. Wei, who won on Tampa Bay, R. L. Boody, who secured a third in two starts, P. L. Jui, who was unplaced twice, P. L. Chiu, who had a second in four starts, and L. Walmesley Gotham and S. W. Lee, both of whom were unplaced.

Rivalry for riding honours was extraordinarily keen, and it is a tribute to Mr. V. V. Needa that he won three times and placed second in five starts. Mr. C. Encarnacao had two wins, a second and a third in six starts. Mr. Li Po-chun proved to be the leading owner with two wins and two seconds.

Cash sweeps were very satisfactory, the $1.00 sweep ranging from $1,339.52 first prize to $1,952.16, and the $2.00 producing $3,828.16. Dividends were excellent, due in no small measure to the fact that only 17 of 120 entries failed to accept, the highest being $171.00 for Cape York's (Mr. Boody up) third place. Dark Hazard (Mr. Fung) paid $77.00 for a third place and Gold Sovereign (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) $72.40, also for the minor placing. The "Daily Double"—Expansion Time and Emergency Call—was worth $28.60 to 134 backers.

A protest followed the second race, but was disallowed.

Detailed results are as follow:

1.—Tweed Island Bay Handicap.—First Section.—One Mile.

Li Po Chun's Expression Time 143 lb. (V. V. Needa)	1
L. Dunbar's Wild Life 153 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne)	2
Lan's Moonlight View 156 lb. (H. C. Pih)	3

Also ran:—Cossack's Beauty, 149 lb., (Y. K. Wouh); Dawn Star, 156 lb., (S. W. Tang); Honeymoon Eve, 140 lb., (K. L. Ip); Humdrum Eve, 145 lb., (Y. T. Fung); New Star, 151 lb., (L. Wade); Oak Bay, 163 lb., (A. W. Raymond); Potentate, 153 lb., (C. Encarnacao); Red Feather, 143 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei); and Soldier of Britain, 145 lb., (F. F. Li).

12 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; neck. Time: 1.58.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $13.30; places, 1st $6.10; 2nd $35.80; 3rd $7.00.

2.—Vaucluse Handicap. — About Half Mile 170 Yards.

John Peel's Criffel 146 lb. (V. V. Needa)	1
G. Tinson's Vixen Tor 147 lb. (A. F. D. Colson)	2
Lucky's Lucky Lad 155 lb. (B. A. Proulx)	3

Also ran:—A Great Time, 135 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Annabella, 151 lb., (C. Encarnacao); Aztec, 157 lb., (A. W. Raymond); Derby Day, 155 lb., (H. C. Pih); Dick Turpin, 140 lb., (W. G. Poy); Ranger, 165 lb., (C. L. Gregory); and Snowy River, 149 lb., (B. L. Tao).

10 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 1½ lengths. Time: 1.00.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $16.50; places, 1st $7.00; 2nd $18.50; 3rd $9.80.

3.—Sub.-Griffins Autumn Plate.—1¼ Miles.

Eu Tong Sen's Smiling Thru 165 lb. (C. Encarnacao)	1
Wong Sui Ngau's Salvage Master 155 lb. (B. L. Tao)	2
H. and H.'s Fei Ying 150 lb. (A. W. Raymond)	3

Also ran:—Borrachito, 152 lb., (L. B. Chao); Capo Comorin, 149 lb., (Y. T. Fung); Dekko, 153 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Golden Cow, 157 lb., (S. C. Liang); Piet Hein, 154 lb., (H. C. Pih); Sea Dragon, 152 lb., (R. L. Boody); and The Leopard, 149 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei).

10 starters. Won by ½ length; length. Time: 2.42.1.

Pari-mutuel, winner $7.70; places, 1st $3.00; 2nd $6.80; 3rd $20.40.

4.—Island Bay Handicap.—First Section.—Six Furlongs.

V. M. Grayburn's Elizabeth 157 lb. (H. J. A. Hearne)	1
Li Po Chun's Just In Time 160 lb. (L. Wade)	2
Eu Tong Sen's Rose-Queen 164 lb. (W. G. Poy)	3

Also ran:—Bright View, 148 lb., (Y. T. Fung); King's Justice, 140 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Kum Shan, 154 lb., (P. L. Jui); Laughing Girl, 148 lb., (S. C. Liang); Pinfarthings, 157 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Scenic View, 142 lb., (H. C. Pih); and Tyne, 156 lb., (L. B. Chao).

10 starters. Won by 3 lengths; ½ length. Time: 1.20.2.

Pari-mutuel, winner $30.00; places, 1st $11.30; 2nd $6.70; 3rd $10.10.

5.—Tweed Island Bay Handicap.—Second Section.—One Mile.

Li Po Chun's Expansion Time 151 lb. (V. V. Needa)	1
Chiu Cheong Fan's Commencement Bay 142 lb. (P. L. Chiu)	2
Eu Tong Sen's Rob Roy 164 lb. (C. Encarnacao)	3

Also ran:—Harvest View, 140 lb., (Y. K. Wouh); Havoc Eve, 161 lb., (H. C. Pih); Jober, 148 lb., (A. W. Raymond); Lancashire Lass, 161 lb., (Ip Kui Ying); and National Pride, 147 lb., (S. L. Yuen).

8 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; Neck. Time: 2.01.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $9.60; places, 1st $6.40; 2nd $34.70; 3rd $9.30.

6.—Gosford Handicap. Six Furlongs.

Threesome's Violet Queen 146 lb. (A. W. Raymond)	1
Ellandee's Roofly 135 lb. (W. G. Poy)	2
Threesome's Cape York 147 lb. (R. L. Boody)	3

Also ran:—Bug Tor, 153 lb., (A. F. D. Colson); Ben' That, 135 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Bredon, 140 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Brutus, 155 lb., (H. C. Pih); Discovery Bay, 156 lb., (V. V. Needa); Llangollen, 150 lb., (L. Wade); Macquarie River, 144 lb., (H. J. A. Hearne); Perfect Day, 149 lb., (L. B. Chao); Strathcarrick, 145 lb., (C. L. Gregory); Twilight Star, 157 lb., (S. W. Tong) and Zodiac, 165 lb., (B. L. Tao).

14 starters. Won by 2 lengths; length. Time: 1.20.1.

Pari-mutuel, winner $19.30; places, 1st $10.40; 2nd $68.30; 3rd $171.00.

7.—Clear Water Bay Handicap. Six Furlongs.

Yuntor's Emergency Call 164 lb. (C. Encarnacao)	1
Li Po Chun's Easy Time 145 lb. (V. V. Needa)	2
Henry's Dark Hazard 145 lb. (Y. T. Fung)	3

Also ran:—Acme, 151 lb., (L. Wade); Astrik, 161 lb., (A. W. Raymond); Double Chance, 163 lb., (L. Walmesley Gotham); Five Rulers, 140 lb., (H. C. Pih); Labour Day, 145 lb., (P. Y. T. Wei); Lucky Eleven, 160 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Lucky Seven, 152 lb., (P. L. Jui); National Dignity, 143 lb., (S. L. Yuen); National Guard, 145 lb., (H. P. Chanson); Rexiana, 148 lb., (B. L. Tao); Sahara Star, 149 lb., (S. C. Liang); Split Hand, 155 lb., (L. B. Chao); Tribute, 150 lb., (A. F. D. Colson) and Wenning, 158 lb., (J. F. C. Van Reede).

17 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 1½ lengths. Time: 1.36.0.

Pari-mutuel, winner $16.40 places, 1st $8.30; 2nd $14.70; 3rd $77.00.

8.—Junk Bay Handicap. One Mile.

L. T. F.'s Gold Coin 168 lb. (C. F. Chiu)	1
W. T. Stanton's Estover 158 lb. (A. D. Coppin)	2
L. W. F.'s Gold Sovereign 140 lb. (Chiu Ki Fan)	3

Also ran:—Coronation Day, 154 lb., (D. R. A. Spreckley); Diogenes, 140 lb., (S. W. Lee); Flybynight, 147 lb., (Ho Hong Ping); Good Morning, 143 lb., (Henry Grave); Plain View, 168 lb., (K. I. Ip); Tempest, 147 lb., (L. G. Hin) and Whalsey, 158 lb., (A. F. D. Colson).

10 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; 3 lengths. Time: 2.08.2.

Pari-mutuel, winner $43.00; places, 1st $14.90; 2nd $10.90; 3rd $72.40.

9.—Island Bay Handicap.—Second Section. Six Furlongs.

L. Dunbar's Tampa Bay 151 lb. (P. Y. T. Wei)	1
Eu Tong Sen's Rose Evelyn 162 lb. (C. Encarnacao)	2
Lan's Wild Cat 159 lb. (H. C. Pih)	3

Also ran:—Amberley, 168 lb., (B. L. Tao); Election Time, 146 lb., (A. F. D. Colson); Jungle Jim, 163 lb., (K. I. Ip); King's Bounty, 165 lb., (K. W. Fung); Laughing Buddha, 158 lb., (F. F. Li); Night View, 155 lb., (Y. T. Fung); Royal Highness, 140 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Soldier of China, 165 lb., (C. L. Gregory) and Sunlight View, 153 lb., (Y. K. Wouh).

12 starters. Won by 1½ lengths; length. Time: 1.31.3.

Pari-mutuel, winner $8.20; places, 1st $6.30; 2nd $8.50; 3rd $9.10.

FIVE WINNERS —OUT OF NINE—

Five winners out of nine.

That was "Rapier's" effort yesterday, after the Summer recess.

The winners were:

Expression Time
Smiling Thru
Violet Queen
Emergency Call
Tampa Bay

Follow "Rapier's" Selections in the "China Mail".

HUTCHINSON BREAKS SCOUTS' AQUATIC RECORD

A large gathering of spectators saw D. Hutchinson cover 50 yards free-style in 26 seconds to break the former record at the Boys Scouts' Swimming Championships at the Dockyard swimming pool yesterday.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, who has presented a handsome challenge cup for Senior Diving, which was won by P. Jorge, of the 13th Kowloon Troop, was present and later distributed the prizes and challenge trophies.

Results:

25 Yards Senior Wolf Cubs' Race: 1, G. Roza-Pereira (13th Kowloon); 2, F. Monteiro (13th Kowloon). Time, 15.2/5 secs.

25 Yards Junior Wolf Cubs' Race: 1, R. Thirlwell (1st H.K.); 2, A. Dobbs (1st Kowloon). Time, 18.2/5 secs.

Senior Wolf Cubs' Diving: 1, G. Roza-Pereira (13th Kowloon); 2, D. Saunders (1st H.K.S.S.).

Junior Wolf Cubs' Diving: 1, R. Thirlwell (1st H.K.); 2, L. McCormac (4th Kowloon).

Inter-Pack Relay Race: 1, 13th Kowloon; 2, 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts.

50 Yards Scouts' Senior Championship: 1, D. Hutchinson (6th Kowloon); 2, P. Jorge (13th Kowloon). Time, 26 secs. (Record).

100 Yards Scouts' Senior Championship: 1, D. Hutchinson (6th Kowloon); 2, P. Jorge (13th Kowloon). Time, 65 secs.

50 Yards Senior Breast Stroke Race: 1, Lui Man Kwan (Troop 1st H.K.); 2, G. Mackechnie (13th Kowloon). Time, 40.1/5 secs.

50 Yards Senior Back Stroke Race: 1, D. Burns (4th H.K.); 2, Ip Hak Tsin (1st H.K.S.S.). Time, 38.2/5 secs.

50 Yards Scouts' Junior Championship Race: 1, C. Cham (17th Kowloon); 2, G. Yvanovich (13th Kowloon). Time, 33.3/5 secs.

Life Saving Race: 1, D. Hutchinson (6th Kowloon); 2, So Kwok Wing (1st H.K.S.S.).

50 Yards Junior Breast Stroke Race: 1, Wan Ho Wong (13th H.K.); 2, So Kwok Choi (1st H.K.S.S.). Time, 38.2/5 secs.

Inter Troop Relay Race: 1, 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts; 2, 4th Hong Kong.

50 Yards Junior Back Stroke Race: 1, L. Vieira (13th Kowloon); 2, C. Cham (13th Kowloon). Time, 41.2/5 secs.

Challenge Cups. The Northcote Cup presented by H.E. the Governor for Scouts' Senior Diving Event: 1, P. Jorge (13th Kowloon); 2, D. Bland (4th H.K.).

Mr. T. N. Chau's Cup for the Scouts' Junior Diving: 1, J. Rogers (4th H.K.); 2, T. Fergusson (4th Kowloon).

The Bird Cup for the Winning Troop: 13th Kowloon, by 20 points.

The President's Cup for the Runners Up: 1st Hong Kong Sea Scouts, by 13 points; 4th Hong Kong.

The Akula Cup for the Winning Pack: 13th Kowloon, 9 points.

TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTION

The Hong Kong Area Inter-Unit Swimming Championships will commence to-morrow afternoon in the V.R.C. pool and will be concluded on Tuesday afternoon.

The Colony Open and Ladies' Cross-Harbour Swim will be held on Thursday, commencing at 5.15 p.m., post entries being received.

DOROTHEA AND JEAN WIN YACHT RACES

The first of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's Sweepstake Races was sailed yesterday over a distance of 8.1 miles and resulted as follows:

Mixed Classes—Started at 14.40

Yacht	Corrected	Pts.
Diana	16.32.22	6
(Mr. J. Gifford Hull).		
Colleen	16.32.01	5
(Rev. E. D. A. Staunton)		
Dorothea	16.30.10½	1
(Mr. A. Drummond)		
Gael	16.38.57½	9
(Mr. G. C. Dawson)		
Eryl	16.32.42	7
(Capt. D. M. Dobson)		
Ailsa	16.33.30½	8
(Mr. W. C. Ingrams)		
Stella	16.30.43½	2
(Mr. T. W. Lucas)		
Widgeon	16.31.27	3
(Mr. L. Garner)		
Nanette	16.46.42½	10
(Mr. E. Stephenson)		
Sirius	16.31.58	4
(Mr. J. G. B. Dewar)		

"A" Class—Started at 14.30

Nereid II	16.32.07	4
(Capt. R. H. Bower)		
Artemis	16.31.51	3
(Mr. G. G. Wood)		
Eve	16.45.25	11
(Capt. E. Bader)		
Joss	16.40.58	8
(Capt. Northcote)		
Gull	16.37.20	5
(Mr. A. O. G. Miles)		
Kittiwake	16.31.09	2
(Miss P. M. King)		
Painted Lady	16.39.40	7
(Capt. M. T. L. Wilkinson)		
Jean	16.31.08	1
(Col. G. C. Gowland)		
Teal	16.41.38	9
(Capt. S. del Court)		
Koala	16.41.56	10
(Miss M. Corrigan)		
Maureen	16.37.36	6
(Capt. R. Sawder)		

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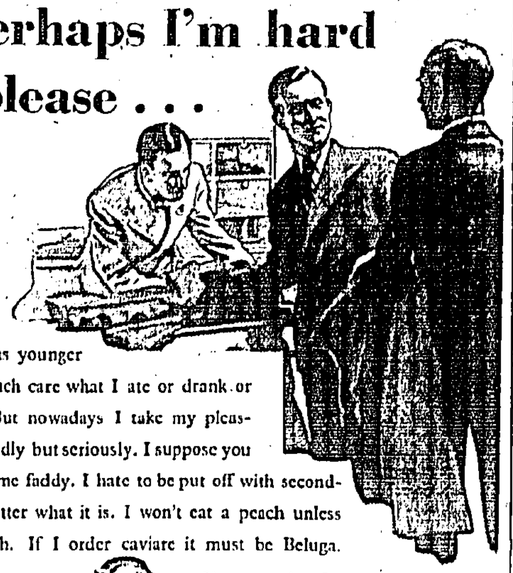

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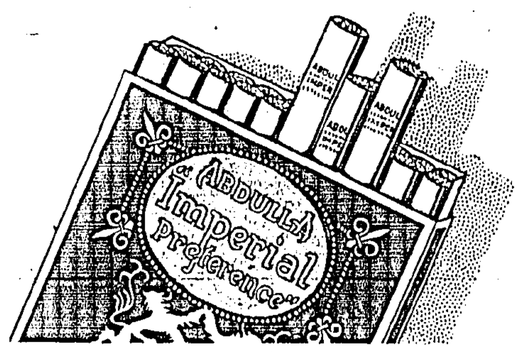

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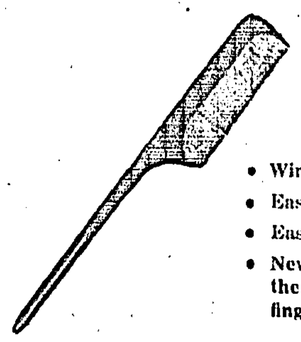

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TSUI WAI-PUI RETAINS HIS HARDCOURT TITLE

Younger Brother Extends Him To 54 Games

PATTY BERG IN FINAL

Wilmette, Illinois, Yesterday.

The United States Women's Golf Championship Semi-Finals were held here to-day when Mrs. Julius I. Page, Jr., a member of the United States Curtis Cup team, beat Miss Graham 8 and 7 and Miss Patty Berg, youngest member of the U.S. team, beat Miss Marion Miley 2 up.

—Reuter.

CRAIGENGOWER RETAIN THEIR 100 PER CENT.

Craigengower Cricket Club retained their 100 per cent. record in the Happy Valley Lawn Bowls Competition for the Vat 69 Cup yesterday when they trounced Football Club by 54 shots in their concluding match. In the other game played, Police R.C. beat Civil Service by 6 shots.

After the game at Civil Service, Mrs. G. Duncan presented the Cup to C. S. Rosselet, captain of the unbeaten Craigengower team, and spoons were presented to all members of the rinks.

Results to date in this tournament are:

Craigengower (84) beat Police (71)
Craigengower (111) beat C.S.C.C. (61)
Civil Service (99) beat H.K.F.C. (71)
Police (86) beat H.K.F.C. (57)
Craigengower (111) beat H.K.F.C. (57)
Police (76) beat C.S.C.C. (70)

POLICE WIN BY SIX

At H.K. Football Club, Police Recreation Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by 6 shots.

W. E. Hollands recorded a six.

C.S.C.C.		P.R.C.	
A. Warr		W. McLeod	
S. Eccleshall		C. Dowman	
W. J. Burling		J. Fender	
G. H. Sherriff (Skip)	13	E. G. Post (Skip)	21
J. Deakin		W. Glendenning	
R. Wood		J. Williamson	
W. Hillier		J. S. Riddell	
J. Hollidge (Skip)	24	G. C. Moss. (Skip)	13
R. R. Davies		W. Cameron	
P. D. Crawley		W. McWalter.	
J. M. Purvis		J. Orem.	
J. Cook (Skip)	21	W. E. Hollands (Skip)	17
J. Gellatley		J. Edwards	
J. Harper		S. R. Farlow	
L. A. Collyer		H. Brown	
J. F. Macgowan (Skip)	12	A. E. Carey (Skip)	25
Totals	70		76

C.C.C. UP ALL ROUND

At Civil Service Cricket Club, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Hong Kong Football Club by 54 shots.

H.K.F.C.		C.C.C.	
C. G. Sollis		K. M. Omar	
G. S. Graver		T. Locke	
C. B. Robertson		J. S. Landolt	
A. Brooksbank (Skip)	10	U. M. Omar (Skip)	38
J. Howell		J. Xavier	
J. Russell		H. W. Randall	
J. A. R. Selby		L. C. R. Souza	
E. Tuck (Skip)	13	C. S. Rosselet (Skip)	26
B. A. Mansell		S. Leonard	
W. Hodges		A. Dawson	
L. E. Lammert		A. E. Coates	
V. Walker (Skip)	17	J. C. Cavanagh (Skip)	22
R. P. Shaw		N. Leonard	
H. H. Pegg		W. Ward	
H. Pearse		W. K. Way	
G. Duncan (Skip)	17	R. Bass (Skip)	30
Totals	57		111

Friendly

K.F.C. BEAT K.C.C.

In a friendly game at Cox's Road, Kowloon Football Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 19 shots.

J. C. Brown registered a seven.

K.C.C.		K.F.C.	
A. W. Ramsey		A. Lapsley	
R. Meadows		J. Stephens	
J. Smith		V. Chittenden	
J. Hydo (Skip)	19	J. C. Brown (Skip)	25
T. French		T. White	
W. Hobbs		A. Calman	
J. M. Brown		C. Turney	
J. M. Jack (Skip)	5	W. V. Field (Skip)	29
D. Traill		J. Dobson	
A. E. Perry		K. C. Hamilton	
W. Hyde		C. Champelovier	
W. W. Hirst (Skip)	27	P. Younghusband (Skip)	17
W. Naef		B. Evans	
C. W. Bowden		B. Thompson	
R. H. E. Marks		V. Petherick	
V. C. Labrum (Skip)	21	J. McKelvie (Skip)	20
Totals	72		91

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

The Society of Yorkshiremen will meet a picked team in a friendly lawn bowls match this afternoon on the Hong Kong Electric Club's green, commencing at 3 p.m. sharp.

OPEN SINGLES FINAL

The Open Singles Final, between B. W. Bradbury, the favourite, and J. A. Luz, will be played next Tuesday at Kowloon B.G.C., commencing at 4.15 p.m. and not 4.30 p.m. as previously notified.

BRILLIANT TENNIS IN FINAL SET

Dramatic Moment When Holder 7-6 Down

TSUI WAI-PUI, the holder, who beat H. D. Rumjahn in the Semi-Final round, yesterday retained his Colony Hardcourt Tennis Singles Championship, when he beat his younger brother, Tsui Yan-pui, conqueror of S. A. Rumjahn, by scores of 7-5, 6-4, 5-7, 11-9.

The holder was fully extended by his brother, who served up a brilliant standard of tennis throughout the encounter, being seen at his best in the fourth and final set when, after being led by two clear games as the result of losing his first service, he held the advantage up to 9-all, when Tsui Wai-pui broke through his service to take the lead for the second and final time.

In this same set, with the score at 7-6 in his favour, Tsui Yan-pui threw away a glorious chance of squaring the issue when he held set point at 30-40 on his brother's service, but a simple kill, with the holder hopelessly out of position, ended in the net. Tsui Wai-pui then brought off two brilliant volleying coups at the net to square the games at 7-7.

Long driving duels from the baseline featured the opening set, and the younger of the two brothers soon found his mettle to sweep his elder brother off the court for a 4-1 lead, taking the fifth game to love. A series of mistakes on his backhand, which at this stage was not functioning as well as expected, resulted in Tsui Wai-pui squaring the issue at 4-4. Tsui Yan-pui dropped his service to be led 6-5, and the holder brought his fast service into play to take the first set at 7-5.

HOLDER AT HIS BEST

The start of the second set found the holder at his best, and he had his opponent running from corner to corner on the baseline before taking a 5-3 lead and, in spite of dropping the ninth game to love, he took the second set with a series of brilliant drives down the side lines which left the challenger standing.

Dark clouds obscured the sun at the commencement of the third set and a stiff dingonal wind found the holder in difficulties with his drives down the side lines, the ball invariably being out by inches.

Beautiful stroking on both hands was featured in this set, although Tsui Wai-pui increased the pace on his forehand to take him to a 4-2 lead. It was at this stage of the game that Tsui Yan-pui also forced the pace to break through his brother's service to level the scores at 4-4 and take the next game for a 5-4 lead. The holder, however, brought his deadly sliced drop-shot into play and squared the issue, but the challenger took the 11th game to love and made the holder drop his first set this year when he broke through his service to take the third set.

50-MINUTE SET

The first three sets had taken exactly one hour, but the fourth and final set, which commenced at 4.50 p.m. lasted 50 minutes.

Tsui Yan-pui commenced disastrously and dropped his first service game, the holder jumping into a two games lead as the result of perfect backhand drives and heavily sliced returns. His delay in returning the ball often put the challenger off, but the younger brother was undeterred and fought back magnificently, winning his service and that of his brother's to level the scores. From that point he never looked back until 9-10, when additional pressure by the champion clinched the issue.

DOUBLES FINAL TO-DAY

Weather permitting, some very good tennis is anticipated this afternoon at U.S.R.C., when Tsui Wai-pui (co-holder with W. C. Hung) and his brother Tsui Yan-pui meet the Rumjahn cousins, "S. A. and H. D.", in the Final of the Colony Hardcourt Doubles Championship.

Last year Tsui and Hung beat the Rumjahns 6—2, 6—4, 3—6, 6—3 in the Final, and Tsui is expected to record a second success to-day.

The match will commence at 3.30 p.m. and will be witnessed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, who will later present the prizes.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

(By "REFEREE")

Navy only signed up 12 players for their opening match of the season yesterday against Kowloon. These were A. E. Bellis, R. J. Betts, T. J. Tuffnell, F. L. Honeywill, W. J. Mugliston, G. Newland, A. B. Pearse, L. G. Pepper, A. Ridley, S. G. R. Spiller, D. Thoburn and C. H. Webster.

A. M. Omar, who has played soccer in former seasons for the Saints, has again signed forms for them. He is a tireless defender, although he is at his best in the intermediate line.

N. T. Delgado, a very good half-back and "change" forward, has also signed forms for the Saints and will probably play for their Second Division eleven.

St. Joseph's have made a good "capture" in E. J. Silva, who used to play left-back for Recreio when the latter were in the First Division of the League.

Pearson, Middlesex centre-forward, was injured in last Wednesday's charity match against Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and his place as leader of the attack is being filled by J. Thompson.

The Association have a wealth of good soccer referees, having 13 first class men, 10 second class officials and nine third class. The first class referees are K. K. Ip, W. Stedman, R. M. Omar, A. E. Clark, W. D. Goss, S. McCormack, Rev. S. Hinchcliffe, J. Lawrence, D. Kossick, G. Finch, H. G. Ottaway, A. J. Cooper and C. C. Thomas.

B. Tipkovsky is the latest recruit to the ranks of the Russian team, the Amateur Sporting Association.

Tommy Pile, who used to play on the Police right-wing, is now stationed at Stanley Gaol and will in future be playing for the Club in the League.

A. J. G. Taylor, vice-captain of the Rugby Section of the Club and a keen soccer exponent, will in all probability be turning out for the Club's Second Division team until the commencement of the Rugby season.

L. A. Gomes, former Liga Portuguesa back, is turning out for Kowloon this season. He should considerably strengthen their junior team.

Donald Knox has not been registered in the Association's books as a member of Kowloon, thereby confirming earlier reports that he would not be available this season due to an injury during the off season.

A. E. Ferris, a left-half, and Tel. Tufnell, well-known Navy bowler, will be turning out for Stonecutters Wireless Station in the Third Division.

Bulpin, who has played for Kowloon for several seasons, has now signed on for Club and will be playing in the Second Division.

Pope, who was to have made his debut at back for Police yesterday, was unable to play as he is in hospital suffering from an injured foot sustained during a practice game.

The Police Selectors were satisfied with the display of Atkins in goal during a recent practice game, but he was not able to turn out yesterday as he injured his foot last Wednesday.

Bone, the Police right-back, will not be playing for some time as he has been in hospital for the past fortnight.

Though the Electric applied for a postponement of their game against Kit Chee yesterday, the request was refused by the Management Committee, who considered that the fact that five of their players were working on that day was not sufficient excuse to warrant a postponement.

Watt, another Police recruit from Dundee, is due to arrive in the Colony in mid-October and reports from local officers, who know him or who have seen him play, are to the effect that he is a useful footballer.

In order that St. Joseph's juniors shall be looked after properly and encouraged, A. J. Castilho and P. Tonnochy have undertaken the joint training and management of the team.

The Senior League game between Club and St. Joseph's, scheduled for next Saturday, will probably be played a quarter of an hour later than the usual time as both teams have a number of Volunteers who are attending the wedding of the Battery Commander, Captain, T. A. Martin, earlier in the afternoon.

Though Henderson has turned out in several friendly games for Club juniors, he will be lost to the soccer section as soon as Rugby starts.

H. Sousae, the Electric centre-forward, injured his foot in a friendly game last week and will not be able to play for a week.

Lo Wai-man, former Chinese Athletic left-back, has joined Kit Chee and will be seen in his old position in future.

Y.M.C.A. BEAT ROYAL SCOTS AT HOCKEY

A very fast and exciting game of hockey was witnessed at King's Park yesterday, when Y.M.C.A. seniors beat Royal Scots by 2 goals to 1 after leading at the interval by a solitary goal.

Both defences shone, Flt.-Lt. Wallace giving a grand display for the winners in the centre-half berth, while Rose and Smith shone in the attack. Another very promising player was Kempton, at right-half, his spoiling being excellent throughout.

Dawson played an enterprising game until he was injured as a result of being hit in the face by a stick, while Kraus was always dangerous when in possession.

Royal Scots, fielding an experimental side, fully extended the winners and in the closing minutes of the game came near to sharing the spoils.

Capt. Harland was very good for the Battalion at right-back and spoiled many dangerous moves by the "Y" left-wing. Dr. Rose and Bafdett, while Fraser, filling the pivotal position, was excellent in both his spoiling and distribution. Capt. Mackenzie-Kennedy was the pick of the attack and scored a fine goal in the closing minutes.

Kraus opened the scoring for "Y" in the first half with a very neat goal, and in the second half a good breakaway by Rose saw Smith add the finishing touch. Ten minutes from time Mackenzie-Kennedy broke through the "Y" defence on the right and scored a glorious goal.

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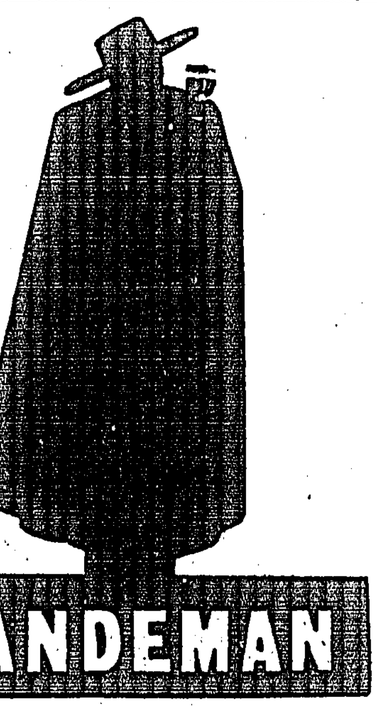

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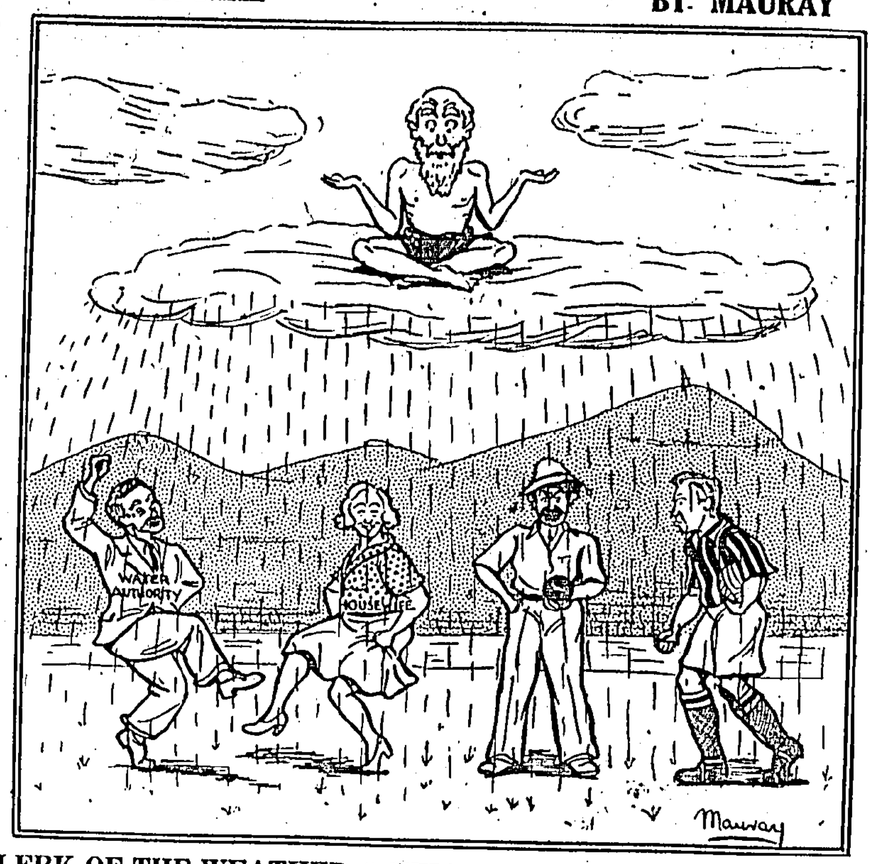

CLERK-OF-THE-WEATHER. "WELL, WHAT DO THEY WANT?"

ON THE AIR TO-NIGHT

Relay Of The Choir Of St. Joseph's

10-11 a.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. Joseph's Church.
11 a.m.-12.15 p.m.—Relay of Morning Service from St. Paul's Church (Chinese).
12.15 p.m.—Liszt—Sonata In B Minor Played by Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).
12.40 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. Theme And Variations From Suite No. 3 In G (Tchaikovsky).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Boston Promenade Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).
Polonaise Militaire In A Major (Chopin, orchestrated by Glazounov); Waltz (from 'The Sleeping Beauty' Ballet, Op. 66a) (Tchaikovsky)..... Boston Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler.
Undivided (Blevier & Thayer); A Bird Sang In The Rain (Haydn Wood).....Webster Booth with Orchestra.
March Of The Little Leaden Soldiers (Pierne).....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fielder.
A Song For You And Me (Rizzi).. Webster Booth with Orchestra.
Prelude In G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff)..... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
Prelude In C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff).....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dvorak—Quintet in A major, Op. 81—and other compositions.
7 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
None But The Weary Heart (Tchaikovsky, arr. Benedict).
Still As The Night (Bohm, arr. Benedict).
My Lips Are Made For Kissing ("Giuditta"—Lehar).
Stay With Me For Every ("Giuditta" Lehar).
The Music Comes (O. Straus).
Her First Dance (Heykens).
Springtime Serenade (Heykens).
Musical Box (Heykens).
7.25 p.m.—London Relay—'Cupboard Love'. A story by Lynn Doyle read by the author.
7.45 p.m.—Compositions of Gounod.
Funeral March Of A Marionette.... San Francisco Symphony Orchestra cond. by Alfred Hertz.
"Mors Et Vita"—Judex.....New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.
Prete-Moi Ton Aide ('La Reine De Saba').....Enrico Caruso (Tenor) with Symphony Orchestra.
"Faust"—Waltz.....Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Relay of The Choir of St. Joseph's Church with the Very Rev. Father Riganti at the Organ.
1. Organ: Pontifical Hymn (Liszt).
2. Choral: (a) Ave Verum (Franco); (b) Ave Maria (Franco).
3. Organ: (a) Lily of the Valley (Riganti); (b) Berceuse (Riganti).
4. "Invocation" — (Nevinto) — Tenor Solo (A. Gutterrez).
5. Organ: Toccata (Grison).
6. Choral: "Benedictus" from First Mass in B Flat (Haydn).
8.40 p.m.—Chausson—Poeme (Op. 23) Georges Enesco (Violin) with Sanford Schlussel at the Piano.
8.57 p.m.—Walton — Facade Suite. Played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by William Walton.
9.15 p.m.—Rubinstein at the Piano. Consolation No. 3 (Liszt). Capriccio In B Minor, Op. 76 (Brahms). Navarra (Albeniz). Sevilla (Albeniz).
9.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Report & Announcements.
9.40 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor) & New Light Symphony Orchestra.
10.10 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue. The Bishop of Hong Kong—"Jesus, Man Of God". 4. Triumph of Jesus. With Members of the Choir of St. John's Cathedral.
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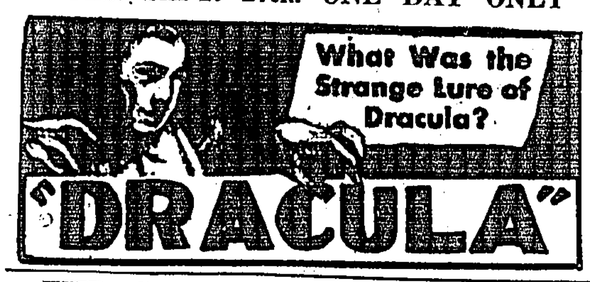

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MIDDLESEX WIN 12 TO 2

THE 1938-39 League football season got under way yesterday in fine weather, the full programme of 17 matches producing 110 goals in all.

The outstanding result of the day was Club's win over the Middlesex after three defeats in friendly games. South China "B," champions, failed to reveal their best form, probably due to an injury to Chan Tak-fai, but they, nevertheless proved too good for Kwong Wah.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

FIRST DIVISION

Royal Scots v South China "A" (Sookunpoo, 4.45 p.m.).
Referee:—McCormac.
Linesmen:—Clark & Ottoway.

SECOND DIVISION

Royal Scots v 5th A.A. Bde. R.A. (Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.).
Referee:—Havelaar.

THIRD DIVISION ("B" SECTION)

24th R.A. v R. E. (E.) (Club, 3.15 p.m.).
Referee:—J. Silva.

The value of Suen Kam-suen in the Eastern side was again illustrated yesterday when Eastern completely outplayed the Police by 6 goals to 1. Eastern are certainly going to make their presence felt in the Senior Division.

Navy, despite the fact that they fielded a team of 11 individuals, overcame Kowloon by 4 goals to 1 after the mainland team had led for three-quarters of the game.

Middlesex, who are considered favourites for the Second Division title, got off to a flying start with 12 goals against Eastern, who actually scored first. In this game Shane Ka-mong, the Eastern half-back, was carried off the field just before the close.

Ordnance, making their debut in this section, ran South China to the odd goal in nine and had bad luck in not dividing the spoils. Kowloon won their "Derby" game against the Club by a much bigger margin than an odd goal would suggest.

Eastern scored eight times against the Police in a game in which tempers became frayed and a Police defender was sent off the field.

Kit Chee made their Third Division debut with a convincing win over the Electric and promise to provide formidable opposition to any team in this division. Powhatten scored in the first minute against A.S.A.—the Russian team—and led 2—1 at the interval, but were beaten by 4 goals to 1.

Izzard, of the Middlesex, headed the goalscorers with five goals.

SIGNALS 2 MEDICALS 3

An interesting Third Division encounter was witnessed on the Prince Edward Road ground when Medicals scored both points from Signals by the odd goal in five, after sharing two goals at the interval.

Sound defensive tactics by both elevens featured the game, with the Medicals intermediates claiming the honours.

Pym (2) and Perkins netted for the Medicals, while Bromley and Perry replied for the Signals.

KIT CHEE 5 ELECTRIC 2

At Causeway Bay, two newcomers to League football were in opposition, Kit Chee starting the season with a convincing victory over Electric by 5 goals to 2.

Displaying better understanding and method, Kit Chee impressed as a very promising team and, with a little more steadiness when at close quarters, they should score many goals.

Electric, on the other hand, were scrappy and confined their attacks to individual bursts, which were easily beaten off.

Kit Chee obtained four goals in the first period through Chun Kai-chung (2), Kwong Hing-hung and Lau Kat-choy, Lo Hon-cheong replying for Electric. On the resumption Lau Kat-choy added a fifth for Kit Chee and Ribeiro netted for Electric from a penalty.

FIRST DIVISION

S. CHINA "B" 2 KWONG WAH 0

At Caroline Hill, South China 'B' gained a fairly comfortable victory over Kwong Wah by two clear goals in a match that was colourless, Kwong Wah being very disappointing, while the champions' form was very much below their usual standard. An injury to Chan Tak-fai, early in the first half, badly disorganised the usually smooth-working champions' attack.

Kwong Wah were also severely handicapped by an early injury to Wong Wah-gay, who was badly bruised in the ribs. Though he remained in goal, he was of little use. The reason for the low score against them, in these circumstances, was the woefully weak shooting of the South China forwards.

Lam Tak-po, centre-half, constantly opened up the game with long overhead punts to the wings, though only Yeung Shui-yick entered into the spirit of things, using his speed to advantage. Cheuk Shek-kam, at inside left, fully demonstrated his trickiness against his old team, South China, being easily the most dangerous forward on view, shooting with power and accuracy. Apart from him, the Kwong Wah forwards displayed as little shooting ability as their opponents, though it was due more to unsteadiness than lack of dash.

In the second half, after wasting countless opportunities, South China scored through Lau Chung-sang and Chan Tak-fai. Kwong Wah appeared to lose heart from then onwards, and though they made spasmodic raids on South China's goal, never appeared really dangerous and the game ended on a very dull note.

A.S.A. 4 POWHATTEN 2

Amateur Sporting Association made an auspicuous debut in League football yesterday, beating Powhatten by 4 goals to 2.

A. Trambitsky played well at left-back for the victors, who were also well served by Urieff, centre-half, and Sequeira, centre-forward. For Powhatten, James Chan, centre-half, was a tower of strength, while Wu Jow-to and Lum York-lin worked hard in the forward line.

It looked as though Powhatten were in for an easy win when Wu Jow-to netted from a centre from the right-wing in the opening minute, but they were soon surprised by the A.S.A., Sequeira breaking away and scoring with a strong right-footed drive. Powhatten again took the lead with a goal from Lum York-lin just before half-time. In the second half, however, A. S. A. took control and added further goals through Petrove, Sequeira, and Trambitsky, the last goal being scored after a brilliant solo run down the field.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

Navy (Newlands 2, Muggleton, Betts)	4	Kowloon (Bantoo)	1
S. China "B" (Chan Tak Fai, Lau Ching Sang)	2	Kwong Wah.	0
Eastern (Lee Tack Kee 4, Lau Ching To, Suen Kam Suen)	6	Police (Howlett)	1
Middlesex (Drogan 2)	2	Club (Bickford 2, Fowler)	3

SECOND DIVISION

Ordnance (Emberson 2, Lang Munton)	4	S. China (Tin Yeung Fat 2, Chan Ching Yiu 2, Chan Wai Sang)	5
Police (Chinese) (Mak Yung Fat, Wong Mo)	2	St. Joseph's (Campos 2, Ward 2, Omar, Delgado, Hussain, Rocha)	8
Middlesex (Izzard 5, Mellor 2, Taylor 2, Tate 2, Thomas)	12	Eastern (Chi Foo Sung, Au She Ngok)	2
Engineers (Jones 3, Pelham, Palmer, Lowe, H. Yeung (own goal))	7	Kwong Wah (Lang Fook Cheung 3, Chow Wing Hung)	4
Kowloon (G. White, Cruz)	2	Club (Wilson)	1

THIRD DIVISION SECTION "A"

Kit Chee (Chun Kai Chung 2, Kwong Hing Hung, Lau Kat Choy 2)	5	Electric (Lo Hon Cheong, Ribeiro)	2
Stanley R.A. (Freer, Banks)	2	R. Scots (Moore, Gerry)	2
5th Bde. R.A. (Dean, Smith, Harman)	3	30th By., R.A. (Guy 2, Flanders)	3
C. Engineers (Chang Yuen Kam Tsang Wai)	2	P.W.D. (Chick Wah Ying, Chan Cheung)	2
R.A.S.C. (Roxborough, Hodgkinson)	2	S. China (Ho Yu Ki 3, Li Yu Leung)	4

THIRD DIVISION SECTION "B"

University (Shie Ling, Lam Yu Shing)	2	Stonecutters (Ferris, Rowe 2, Scriven)	4
A.S.A. (Sequeira 2, Trambitsky, Petrove)	4	Powhatten (Wo Jow To, Lum Yong Lin)	2
Signals (Bromley, Perry)	2	Medicals (Pym 2, Perkins)	3

THIRD DIVISION

UNIVERSITY 2 STONECUTTERS 4

At Chatham Road, Stonecutters W. T. made a fine debut in Colony football, defeating University by 4 goals to 2.

The first half of the match provided a good 'ding dong' battle, the 'Varsity making full use of their speed and Stonecutters of their weight and skill.

Right from the commencement of the second half Stonecutters found their shooting feet and took the lead with a goal from Garfield and Rowe, outside-right, scored the second. The 'Varsity rallied strongly and succeeded in bringing the scores level with goals from Shi Ling and Lam Yu-shing, but after making this splendid recovery the 'Varsity went all to pieces and Stonecutters carried the day with a third goal from Scriven, centre-forward, and a fourth from Rowe.

C. ENGINEERS 2 P.W.D. 2

Although two goals in arrears at the interval, P.W.D. fought back gamely to share the spoils in their Third Division encounter with Chinese Engineers at the Valley, both elevens netting twice.

Much of the credit for this feat belongs to the P.W.D. defence, whose dour tactics frustrated the nippy Chinese forwards time and again. Their forwards, however, showed up rather poorly in the first half, most of their work being confined to individual efforts, which met with firm treatment from the Chinese defenders. They improved considerably on the resumption, however, for Chick Wah Ying and Chan Cheung to level the scores after Chang Yuen-kam and Tsang Wai had netted for the Engineers.

Victory Is Just About Deserved

FIRST DIVISION

EASTERN 6 POLICE 1

Police were completely outplayed on the Club ground, Eastern beating them by 6 goals to 1.

Eastern have a well-balanced team and it is obvious that their players will not have to go through any process of settling down. Extremely skillful forwards were well fed by a strong half-back line, quick to check any raids by the opposing side. No less brilliant were the defenders. Strong clearances by the backs saved overworking the goalkeeper, but when their efforts failed to stop an offensive drive by the opposing side, the custodian was always safe.

Police, with several new players, could not combine to give thrust to individual ability. Their forwards were severely hampered by the fact that clearances from goal were extremely weak and their half-backs were of necessity forced to play a defensive game.

The game opened with Eastern taking the initative and Lee Tak-kee cleverly ran through the Police defence to open the scoring.

At this stage play was stopped to allow the filling in of a hole which appeared in the pitch in front of the Police goal. On the resumption, Chan Bing-to centred and the ball was intercepted and diverted into the net by Hau Ching-to. With the play again in Police territory, Lee Tak-kee tapped the ball into the net as the Police custodian bent to pick it up.

Under pressure, a pass back to goal by one of the Police defenders resulted in a corner from which Eastern almost scored. The ball was cleared, however, and one minute from the interval Police scored their only goal when Howlett converted Taylor's centre.

After the interval Eastern maintained their thrust and further goals came through Lee Tak-kee (2) and Suen Kam-shun (1).

5TH BDE. 3 30TH BTY. 3

At Happy Valley, both 5th Bde. and 30th Bty. played bright, open football and a good game resulted in the teams sharing six goals.

The Ack Acks opened in very promising style and had much the better of the exchanges during the initial half with the result that when the interval was reached they led by goals scored by Harman and Dean. On the resumption, however, the game swung right round with 30th Bty. enjoying much more of the limelight than their opponents, and it came as no surprise when Guy and Flanders netted to place them on level terms. With only 10 minutes to go a ding-dong battle ensued with both defences holding out valiantly against two fast-moving sets of forwards. Each side, however, netted once, Smith obtaining 5th Brigade's and Guy replying for the Heavies with a powerful drive from a free-kick 20 yards out.

S. CHINA 4 R.A.S.C. 2

South China made a promising start to their first season in the Third Division when they defeated Service Corps by 4 goals to 2 at the Valley.

The soldiers were unfortunate to be two goals in arrears at the interval as they had commanded more than a fair share of the exchanges and South China's first goal bore a strong suspicion of being "off-side." After the change of ends, however, the superior speed of the Chinese attack made itself felt and, although they only added a further two goals, many were the efforts that missed their target by inches only.

Ho Yu-ki collected a "hat-trick" for South China and Li Yeu-leung completed their total. Roxborough rounded off a fine performance when he opened the scoring for the soldiers, and Hodgkinson added the second goal when he converted a penalty.

BICKFORD SCORES TWO SNAP GOALS

SOLDIER FORWARDS AT FAULT

AT Sookunpoo, Club surprisingly defeated Middlesex by 3 goals to 2 and they just about deserved their narrow victory as they accepted their chances and defended valiantly during the latter stages of the game when the soldiers, seeing both points going to their opponents, strove manfully to snatch at least a point.

The Middlesex, however, have only themselves to blame for their defeat as in the first half the forwards lacked thrust or shooting power and only irritated their supporters by too much close passing. The forwards, while receiving adequate support from their halves, often held the attack up themselves by doubling back on the ball instead of taking a leaf out of the Club book and swinging the ball about.

In the second half, three goals down, the Middlesex threw everything into the attack. The forwards, also realising their earlier mistakes, used more direct methods with success and in the closing stages of the game almost snatched a point from the weary Club team.

The Club defence was sound with both backs kicking a good length. In the half-back line Skinner and Strange worked themselves to a standstill, while Forrow, noticeable for some clever dribbling, fed his forwards with long sweeping passes. In the forward line Fowler worried the defenders and was ably supported by Bickford, who scored two snap goals, and Drossel, who, although on the slow side, showed some clever touches.

The Middlesex defence was very sound and only made one mistake, which resulted in Fowler getting clean away to score the Club's third goal. Watson, in particular, played a fine game, his kicking being clean and a pleasure to watch. Bright, while not dominating the middle of the field as he usually does, succeeded in giving his forwards plenty of the ball, but he was inclined to let Fowler have too much room to work in. The forwards all tried hard, but only in the latter half did they show any glimpse of their true form.

From a pass from Fowler, Bickford opened the scoring and a few minutes from the interval Bickford netted a second with a grand shot. On the resumption Fowler broke through to place the Club three up. The soldiers were eventually rewarded when Grogan coolly netted, and the same player later further reduced the arrears with a fine drive.

SECOND DIVISION

ST. JOSEPH'S 8 POLICE 2

At Happy Valley St. Joseph's celebrated their return to Second Division football in no uncertain manner when they trounced the Police by 8 goals to 2.

Numerouus fouls marred the game, Police being chief offenders—one of their number received 'marching orders' just before the final whistle.

Saints were rock-like in defence with Omar, Remedios and Pereira outstanding, whilst Azim and Ward, the two inside forwards, were the pick of a well balanced attack. For the Police, Au Wing was often at fault between the sticks and should have saved at least three goals. Among the half-backs, Wong Shum was outstanding and impressed as being the best player on the field, his clean tackling and clever distribution being good to watch.

St. Joseph's attacked from the commencement and within five minutes took the lead through Rocha, following neat work by Azim, and Azim and Campos brought their tally to three. During one of their brief attacks, Police reduced the arrears through Wong Mo, but just before the interval Delgado placed the Saints further ahead with a very tame shot.

On the resumption, Saints had matters much their own way and Ward (2), Campos and Omar netted further goals to bring their total to eight whilst Mak Yuh Fat obtained the second Police goal.

S. CHINA 5 ORDNANCE 4

Very entertaining fare was provided at Caroline Hill when Ordnance Corps, newly promoted from the Third Division, met South China in an extremely close game which the Chinese managed to win by 5 goals to 4.

Taking the teams as a whole, there was little to choose between them. The soldiers were quite definitely superior in attack, swinging the ball about in fine style, but they failed amentably when on the defensive, and, but for some courageous work by Wadler, and the lack of thrust displayed by the Chinese wingers, would have been well in arrears at the interval.

Tin Yung-fat scored twice during the first half, Emberson replying as a result of a clever move between himself and Munton. Chan Ching-yin (2) and Chan Wai-sang registered for South China after the change-over, and Lang, Emberson (penalty) and Munton scored for the Ordnance.

KOWLOON 2 CLUB 1

An interesting game was seen at Chatham Road, where Kowloon beat Club by 2 goals to 1.

Kowloon's defence was much too strong for the Club forwards and always had the situation well in hand. Jeffrey, in goal, made some very good saves during the match, one in the opening minutes from Millington being especially worthy of note. Humphrey and Gomes were steady at back, and Cruz shone in the forward line. Santos fed Cruz well and made several fine openings for the winger.

Club's defenders were guilty of wild kicking at times, but Keown and Carr were very steady and were instrumental in breaking up many of Kowloon's raids. Shaw and Fowler were always dangerous on Club's left-wing and caused Kowloon's defence many anxious moments. Wilson was too well watched.

G. White opened Kowloon's scoring after 25 minutes play and there was no further scoring before the interval.

Kowloon gradually took control of the game after the re-start, but Club equalised during a breakaway, P. Wilson finding the net with a good shot. Cruz notched the final goal after a brilliant solo run down the wing, cutting in and giving Fleming no chance.

MIDDLESEX 12 EASTERN 2

Middlesex overwhelmed Eastern to the tune 12 goals to 2 in a match that was much too one-sided to be interesting. In the latter stages Middlesex were able to score almost at will.

Chiao Foo-sung was a clever inside-right, while T. P. Woo, on the left flank, showed a rare turn of speed when in possession.

Eastern scored first through Au She-ngok, but Middlesex were quick in retaliation and goals came in rapid succession from Izzard, Mellor, Izzard, Mellor, and Tait (2). On the resumption Middlesex again bombarded Eastern's goal and increased their lead through Thomas, Izzard (3), Taylor (2). Chiao Foo-sung netted a consolation goal for Eastern. In the closing minutes Shane Ka-mong was carried off injured.

ENGINEERS 7 KWONG WAH 4

More aggressive than Kwong Wah throughout, Engineers opened the season with a fine win of 7 goals to 4.

A deciding factor in this game was the long, accurate passing of the Sappers and their ball control. There was a slight weakness at centre, but this was amply balanced by the strong defensive work of the full-backs, Hodges being outstandingly safe.

Pelham, Palmer and a Kwong Wah back, who deflected the ball into his own net, scored for the winners in the first half, Kwong Wah replying through Lau Fook-cheung (2) and Chan Wing-hung. In the second half the Sappers added further goals through Jones (3) and Lowe, while Lau Fook-cheung completed Kwong Wah's tally.

R.A. STANLEY 2 ROYAL SCOTS 2

There was little to choose between Royal Scots and Stanley in their Third Division encounter at the Valley, the teams sharing four goals after the Scots had changed ends with an odd goal advantage.

The initial half produced some fine movements on the part of the Scots' forwards with the result that the Gunners' defence had little opportunity to settle down. Moore opened the scoring for the Highlanders, and this lead was increased by an excellent goal from Garry. Freer reduced the arrears shortly before the change of ends and although both goals had some narrow escapes there was no further scoring, after Banks had levelled matters.

NAVY LEAVE MATTERS LATE AGAINST KOWLOON

NAVY received Kowloon as visitors at Causeway Bay for their opening League match and gave a highly satisfactory display by inflicting a decisive defeat on the Mainland team by 4 goals to 1.

Although winners by such a comfortable margin, Navy caused their supporters much trepidation, for, despite holding a definite command of the game, they were unable to turn their advantage into tangible results until towards the closing stages of the match. Kowloon, having netted midway through the initial half, held their slender lead until well into the second phase of the game, and, persistent as was the Navy attack, it appeared as though Kowloon might just scrape full points.

Navy played splendid football only marred by their tip-tap methods in front of goal—a wrong policy against such active backs as Ulrich and Everest—and, as Kowloon were no mean opposition, the fare was interesting.

Navy set off in whirlwind fashion and Hartley was quickly in action to bring off good saves from Muggliston and Nowlands. Blake almost broke through for Kowloon, and then Betts netted for Navy from Spiller's corner kick, but the referee disallowed the point on the score of "offside." Against the run of play, Santos obtained a neat goal to place Kowloon in the lead. This state of affairs continued until the second half was well advanced, although Navy dominated the midfield exchanges and had Kowloon playing mainly on the defensive.

Newlands equalised for Navy from a clever pass by Muggliston, and the same player sent Navy ahead with a splendid shot, following clever play and a well-judged through pass by Honeywell. A period of constant pressure on Kowloon's goal then followed and Muggliston had a powerful drive charged down by Ulrich, but the inside-right pounced on the rebound and registered with a rising drive. Hartley, being unsighted, was completely beaten. Two minutes later Betts broke away on the left, cut in and sent in a rasping, ground shot, the ball striking the bottom of the far upright to rebound across the goal and come to rest in the far side rigging for Navy's fourth goal.

Webster was outstanding for Navy, at centre-half, and Ridley was a very serviceable wing-half, especially after the interval. Bellis and Rivett provided a solid rearguard and Thorburn, Betts and Muggliston were the pick of the attack.

Kowloon were best served by Ulrich and Everest, at back, while Maxwell was the best of the intermediates. Santos and Knox struck up a good partnership and Blake was constantly harassing the Navy defence, but Kowloon's forwards had few real opportunities.

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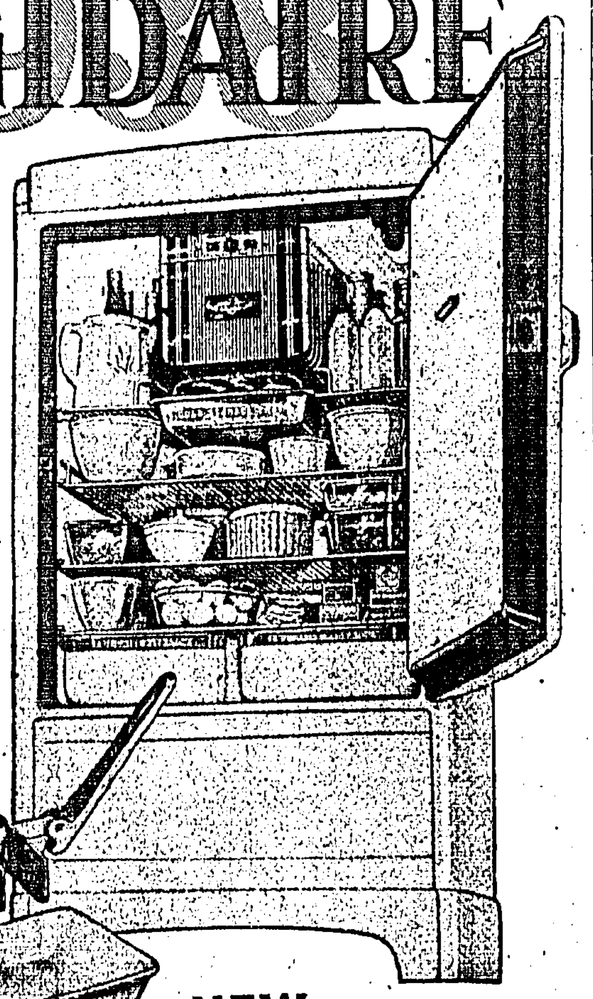

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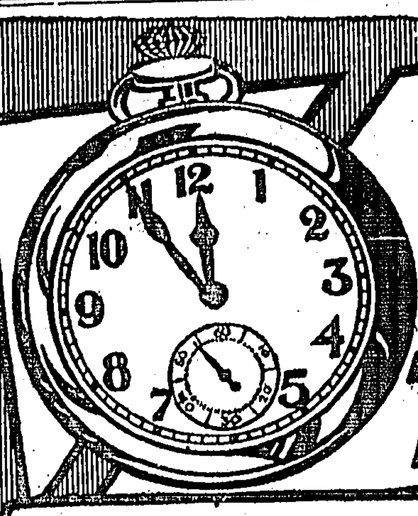

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SHORT STORY

about two young people who made a holiday friendship—and the girl didn't know when to say goodbye

Holiday Affair

IT was twenty minutes till train time, Philip Coleman observed; they should have come a little later. The last twenty minutes before the train are always so difficult, so pettily irritating, and vaguely embarrassing.

There is an air of a decisive step about to be taken that makes any mention of Reginald Forsythe, or Ginger Rogers, or Billy's old-fashioneds—of any, indeed of the usual conversational stimuli—seem inane and quite impossible.

Philip Coleman regarded the girl standing beside him in the stuffy, manifestly provincial station. He tried and, for a moment, found himself able to look at her as a girl he did not know.

Standing in a shaft of late September sunlight somewhat dimmed by dusty windows she was good-looking, smart. A pleasant pride warmed in him. Everything about her—her brown felt hat, her deftly tailored grey suit, her sealskin cape of safari brown, her shoes and gloves—had the stamp of quiet breeding.

The girl, too, looked quiet and expensive, with a small neat head, and a look of assurance in her widely spaced grey eyes. She was, Philip Coleman decided, well turned out. Then the shaft of sunlight broke into small, familiar pieces and she was Alva Scott, smiling at him, and saying: "You won't forget to write, will you? I'm going to miss you terribly."

"Of course I'll write. Don't be kittenish."

"Not every day, though, I guess."

"As often as possible."

"Certainly," she agreed, hastily. "I don't want to be tiresome. I know you'll be frightfully busy—your last year, your offices, your clubs, all that stuff. I know you can't be a leading college figure, and write every day."

Philip Coleman hated a muddle, and felt that things should have a beginning and an end. He was now trying to attach, at what he considered a very suitable moment, a beginning and an end to the summer. Alva Scott, happily, looked smart, and gave him a place to start. Observing her, he realised that you would never guess that her street was, while not definitely wrong, still not definitely right.

Did she understand, he wondered, that it was to him she owed this? From the first week they met he had pointed out to her, subtly and always impersonally, what was done and what was not done. One day he had stopped to see her unexpectedly, and found her chewing gum. He said nothing, but when some days later they saw another girl doing so, he had, very generally, made it clear that chewing gum was distinctly Out.

They discussed their likes and dislikes, and Philip Coleman impressed on her his conviction that simple tailored lines were infinitely preferable to the complicated, garden-party-looking things the girls in town liked to wear. Perhaps to please him, perhaps because she really was an intelligent girl, she had, consciously or unconsciously, adopted these suggestions.

She had come out on the far side of the summer quite a different girl from what she had been at its beginning. She was, as the boys put it, smooth. It was hard for them to believe that she had once walked up and down the streets in the evening, giggling, with three or four other girls, all in bright cottons and anklets.

Yes, the town said, and Philip Coleman, looking at her, had to admit, she was smooth. She was so smooth she irritated him at times.

"We've fifteen minutes left." The girl was half idly conversational, half urgent.

"Yeah. It's going awfully fast."

Saying this, his voice seemed so sarcastic, when he had merely intended to be polite, that he shot her a startled glance. She had, apparently, noticed nothing.

Could it be possible that for her the minutes were going quickly, when for him their progress was so maddeningly deliberate? He tried to adjust his mind to this view; it was probably accurate—almost certainly for, it was clear, she still felt as she had felt the night in the middle of summer they went to the fireworks in the park.

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Gaudy reds, blues, and greens crashed upon the night sky, and were torn open like vulgar, impossibly exotic flowers. The car in which they sat was parked some distance from the crowd, but they could hear the exclamations, the little shivers of synthetic pleasure, the catches in the breath. There was a false excitement as fire whizzed into the air and broke with a reverberating crash.

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"Please try not to act like some one out of a cheap movie." He clipped out the words.

Their cruelty stung him to greater anger. He was, he knew, behaving badly, and it was Alva's fault.

"Fun, aren't they?" he had asked Alva Scott, only half looking at her. Then he saw her face. In the lurid light of a shower of green stars it was stark, open, withdrawn.

"Don't leave me baby," he had whispered, trying to be easy and kissed her. She kissed him back, hard on the mouth, and he could barely distinguish her husky. "I love you. I'm mad about you."

He had heard the words before; never really, had he thought about their meaning. Hearing them then, they were like a small rocket ripping the night. Love—somehow he had never considered it.

He was startled, but not for long. "I love you, too," he had told her. Probably he did, and just hadn't known it. Anyway, he was, for the next few weeks, convinced that he was in love with her. They seemed, in review, practically perfect. Had it been, Philip Coleman demanded of himself, the real thing? The puzzling part about love was that when it was over it seemed never to have existed.

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His not loving her any more, Philip Coleman believed, was connected, in some peculiar and ironic way, with the smartness of the girl standing before him. Each man kills the thing he loves, he recalled; the brave man with a knife, the coward with a smile.

Will not a scissors, he ventured, do as well? A scissors cutting out a fashionable pattern—a pattern so perfect, so little unexpected, so smart that you get rather bored with it. It was strange about a finished pattern; you recognised its completeness, but you no longer wanted it. The perfection, because it had been acquired carefully, especially for you, was subtly, somehow contemptible, and not what you wanted at all.

"We've eight minutes left," she announced. "The sands are running low."

"Practical and poetic you are," he informed her. "A rare combination."

The sands are running low Mysteriously, the words pleased him and, at the same time, annoyed him. They said something he could not have said would not have dared to say, even if they did express it too melodramatically.

He wished, also, that she would stop calling out the time, as though he were taking a two-hour examination. She was hoarding these last minutes, and he hated her for it. Her greediness in holding on to time embarrassed him, made him feel that he should turn away from so intimate a self-betrayal. He should be, her attitude implied, also counting the minutes. It all made him feel as though he had let go a rocket, and it had splashed on the sky, but had not dropped away decently, suitably.

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Alva drew back as if he had struck her, and her face assumed an expression he, had seen once before—when? There was the same medley of pain and appeal he had seen, surely, not very long ago. Then in the rush of the blind rage he had felt on that earlier occasion, he knew. It was the

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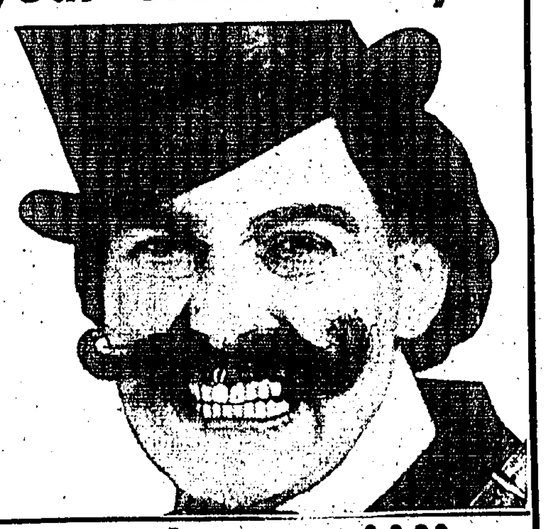

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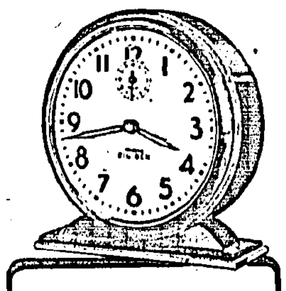

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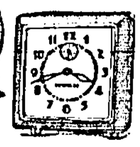

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HOLIDAY AFFAIR

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night he had ceased, altogether, to love her; perhaps the night he had begun to hate her a little.

One of the club's Saturday dances had been nearly over, and the orchestra had been finishing the evening with request numbers, and he had been listening and dancing better than he had all evening.

He had had no wish to talk to Alva; it seemed entirely immaterial to him that he was dancing with her, rather than with some one else. Probably, he understood later, she sensed this, and wished to get closer to him. Anyway she did something she had done once or twice before, and which had given him a tremendous kick—she stretched her neck a little, and bit his ear.

He would never have believed it could affect him as it did.

It left him cold and quiet with fury; his anger was so great he could not have expressed it without stuttering. He kept his mouth sealed and went on dancing, though at the moment he hated her so absolutely he could have walked off the floor and left her completely.

"I'm sorry Philip," she had said. "That was crude of me." He hadn't answered. He had known, finally, that it was all over.

To Philip Coleman it had seemed, after that night that she could not behave in a manner that was not second-rate appallingly tiresome. He began to notice when she repeated things, when her voice became the least bit too high for a restaurant, when she played tennis badly.

He knew that he was playing the critical audience and the knowledge made him feel cheap. It made him hate himself and hate Alva for having created such a situation. He was, he felt, being constantly snared by a trap of his own invention. Yet he could not break off the affair sharply, cruelly, when, he hoped he could taper it off gently, going back to college. Therefore he had continued to tell Alva that he loved her.

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What else was there to do? It was all, he was convinced now, standing in the stuffy station, a mess, but soon over. If he could only act now, a gentle let-down was possible. It was better, he supposed, to act than to discuss, because there would never be understanding, whichever way he chose. She would never, either way, know how badly he felt.

The train roared into the station.

"Be sure and write." Alva said abstractedly.

"Sure thing, darling." There was no trace of emotion in his voice. How soon, he was wondering, will she begin to hate me?

"Try to remember the holiday girl."

That, Philip Coleman determined, was intended to be gay, flippant. It was pretty flat. Yes, he would remember. No one else had ever made him feel quite like this. They would both remember, but they would both forget what they meant to remember.

She picked up his magazines and handed them to him.

"Well, good-bye, Dr. Frankenstein," she said. "Your mother's down to see you off."

Startled, he answered, "We've only a minute." He drew her to him, kissed her, distantly. She drew back, stared into his face for a second, then pulled his head down and kissed him fiercely, hungrily, as though this kiss would have to serve a long need. Then she pushed him away.

"Be sure and write," she repeated, mechanically.

He dropped one of the magazines, blundered recovering it. "I've got to run," he said.

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In the sheltering confusion of luggage he left her. Alva Scott did not wait till the train pulled out. She turned deliberately and walked out of the station very fast. Philip Coleman, looking after her, observed that she did not look back.

He settled himself in his seat, tired and unthinking. The train shivered, steam hissed, wheels moved. Slowly, the drawl of the steam became compact, assumed meaning.

"She knows," it intoned, "she knows." Faster, faster, speeding swifter and swifter, the train rushed on and the wheels, growing, mounting, hysterical, shrilled ever louder, faster, harder. "She knows, she knows, she knows."

BRIDGE NOTES — BY ELY CULBERTSON

Hoax De Luxe

ONE of the finest hoaxes I ever have seen was perpetrated in my presence (though happily not on *me*) during a recently rubber bridge game at Crockford's club, New York. A very fair team was talked out of a laydown vulnerable slam and talked into doubling their nonvulnerable opponents at an equally cold four heart bid. The hoax was beautifully conceived, but the full execution required shrewd co-operation from the hoaxer's partner. This was the hand:

North, dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

S—J
H—J 9 8 6 5 3 2
D—5
C—8 7 4 2

WEST	EAST
S—Q 9 7 4	S—A K 10 8
H—10	H—7
D—A J 9 3 2	D—K 8 7
C—K 10 5	C—A Q J 6 3

SOUTH

S—6 5 3 2
H—A K Q 4
D—Q 10 6 4
C—9

The following remarkable bidding sequence took place:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 club	1 heart	2 clubs
Pass!	2 spades	Pass	2 spades
Double!	Pass	4 dia.	Double
4 hearts	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The two bids that stand out in the above sequence are, of course, North's pass over West's two club bid and his subsequent double of three spades. The co-operation referred to above was evidenced in South's take-out of this penalty double. Considering that South had a short heart suit and four spades, many readers undoubtedly will think that South was either crazy or had received a kick under the table. The fact was that South was magnificently sane, and that he and his partner were completely ethical. Let us run over the implications of the bids.

It is the three spade double by North which, of course, will amaze, even outrage, almost every one's sensibilities. That North should have the gall to make a penalty double of three spades with his fantastic holding probably will be too much for flesh and blood to stand. Yet North's bid, far from being insane, was a stroke of genius which depended for fruition only upon the proper co-operation from South and, of course, a certain amount of gullibility on the part of East and West. North knew that neither East nor West had more than four spades, which left South with at least four. South, on the other hand (North reasoned), would be able to figure out just as easily that he (North) could have no more than one spade. What, then, was North doing, doubling a less than game contract when the opponents' bidding had been such that it was clear they would go on to game or slam? The answer, ably translated by South, was that North *could not have a penalty double of three spades!* Therefore, he must be doing something "funny," and was undoubtedly relying on South to decipher his action. South rose to the occasion by taking out the double, not because he disliked it, but because he liked it all too well! The opponents fell squarely into the trap. West, of course, had a splendid double of four diamonds. East's four heart double was evidence that he had been completely misled by the course of bids.

Obviously six clubs or spades would have been a laydown with the one way diamond finesse. North-South, in getting doubled at four hearts and making the contract, scored a notable victory.

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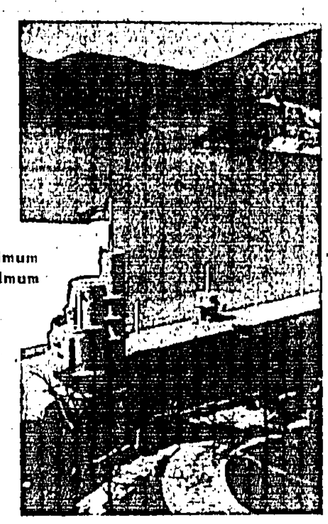

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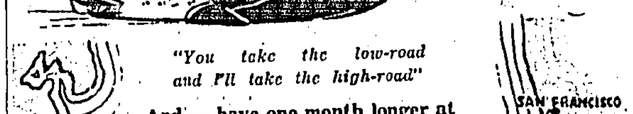

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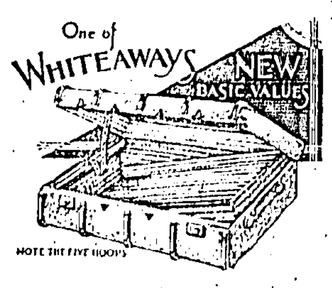

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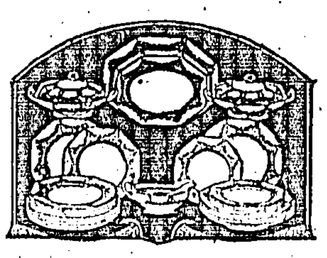

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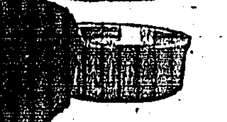

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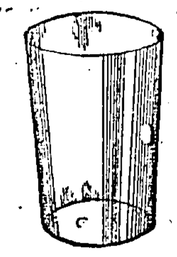

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EXTREME LIMIT OF CONCESSION

Paris, Yesterday.

The Premier, M. Daladier received a Leftist delegation yesterday evening.

Shortly before this meeting took place the news had been received that Mr. Chamberlain would return to London.

M. Daladier told the delegation that Britain and France would now enter into consultations to decide what measures should be taken in the event of an unprovoked attack on Czecho-Slovakia.

France, he said, would at once take the necessary measures and Parliament would be convoked at once if the situation demands it.

The delegation then expressed its confidence in the Government.

Earlier in the afternoon M. Daladier had received in the War Ministry a delegation of the Radical Socialist Chamber group.

After the reception the former Air Minister, Pierre Cot, declared to the press that M. Daladier is making his last endeavour to save peace. If a coup is attempted against Czecho-Slovakia, France would stand by her obligations.

GRAVE SITUATION

M. Daladier pointed out, so M. Cot said, that France has gone to the extreme limit of concessions, and he emphasised that the situation is grave.

M. Cot added that the Radical-Socialist Party had assured the Premier of its confidence consenting to all constitutional measures that the situation might demand.

After their return to the Chamber, the members of the delegation declared to the press that M. Daladier has informed them, regarding the negotiations pending at Godesberg and the reports received from there.

M. Daladier is said to know the contents of the letters that Mr. Chamberlain had sent to the Fuehrer but did not yet know what reply the Fuehrer made.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON UNCERTAINTY

London, Yesterday.

Yesterday's proceedings at Bad Godesberg, on which little authoritative information was obtainable, have left the newspapers in considerable uncertainty—as their comment shows—as to how to interpret the latest developments in the international crisis.

The "Daily Express" thinks there is a respite and the "Daily Mail" that as far as can be seen the world may hope for peace after a night of deepest anxiety. To the News-Chronicle the keynote is still suspense. The difficulty which interrupted the talks at Bad Godesberg is still uncertain and is the more difficult to imagine since "the principal demand made by Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden had been completely fulfilled."—British Wireless.

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Japanese Warship Sunk Upriver From Wusueh

Hankow, Yesterday.

Japanese aircraft dropped 600 bombs yesterday afternoon on the Chinese positions north-east of Tienchiacheng in the vicinity of Makouhu, Huanglihu and Panchiashan, but the Chinese are holding on to their positions, according to a telephone message from Chinese military headquarters at Tienchiacheng, the strategic fort on the north bank of the Yangtse.

The raid was followed by a general Japanese offensive on the Chinese defences south of Turtle Hill.

Fighting was extremely severe all day, and at one time the Chinese had to withdraw slightly to a new line in the vicinity of Chiawan, Chichotun and Mengchia.

Subsequently, a Chinese military communique says, twenty-seven Japanese warships steamed up river from Wusueh in order to join in the attack on Tienchiacheng, but they retired down river when heavy gunfire from the Chinese forces sank one Japanese warship and damaged three others.

The communique also claims that two assaults on the Chinese positions north-west of Wusueh by Japanese land forces were repulsed.

JUICHANG FRONT

It is stated that Japanese forces advancing westward along the Juichang to Yangsin highway reached Muhsishan, ten miles south-east of Yanghsin, where fighting is now in progress.

At Kwangtsi, the Chinese are said to be closing in on the Japanese.

Chinese military despatches claim that in the fighting for possession of the hills west of Kwangtsi, Chinese troops captured several field pieces, ten heavy machine-guns, thirty light machine-guns and 200 rifles. — Reuter.

Germany's Final Offer

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ing that the conversations had been conducted in a friendly spirit as well as the passage in which thanks are expressed to the British Prime Minister and his Government for its efforts to bring a pacific settlement of the Sudeten question.

Gloomy Reading

In contrast to this hopeful side of the front page of German newspapers the other half makes dark and gloomy reading. It brings reports about panic created in parts of Sudetenland by the general mobilisation order. The influx of refugees, which had shown a tendency to decline, has swollen to 128,000.

It is reported that 900,000 Czechs have been called to arms and are marching in the direction of the frontier.

In several towns in Sudetenland the German population have organised counter-demonstrations.

Appeal To Hitler

The Sudeten Germans of Graslitz, fearing that Czech guns would open fire on their town, sent an urgent appeal for help to Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain.

In Warmsdorf and Rumsburg, Sudetens have taken over 600 Czechs as hostages.

Reports from the frontier sector from Dirkenhagen to Gerenzeck speak about the Czech military being feverishly engaged in construction of a belt of frontier fortifications.

In Reichenberg, four Sudeten Germans belonging to the 44th Infantry Regiment have been court martialled and shot.

Cleared Air

The "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" writes that the Godesberg pronouncement on the conclusion of the conversations has, like a stroke of lightning, cleared the air made murky by the irresponsible action of the Czech rulers.

Dr. Benes and General Syrovy, it says, have tried with all their might to bring about a general explosion and to sabotage the peace talks at Godesberg. But, as the Godesberg communique shows, they have entirely failed in this attempt.

Germany and England demand enforcement of the right of peoples to self-determination. This fact, which is underscored by the British Prime Minister when he communicates the German memorandum to Prague, has served to clarify the situation so that the rulers in Prague are left without the slightest doubt as to the course of action they will have to take. —Trans-Ocean.

TERMS SENT TO PRAGUE

Paris, Yesterday.

The German memorandum, which Adolf Hitler handed to the British Prime Minister in Godesberg, was sent posthaste to the British Minister in Prague, who communicated it to President Benes shortly after midnight, according to the "Petit Parisien," apparently on the strength of information from the French Foreign Office.

It would appear, therefore, adds the French newspaper, that President Benes ordered general mobilization prior to receiving the German memorandum.

The German proposals, declares "Petit Parisien," are in the nature of a compromise between the German suggestion of immediate occupation of the Sudeten German territory and the Anglo-French plan. — Trans-Ocean.

—ALL RAILWAY— TRAFFIC SUSPENDED

Berlin, Yesterday.

The entire railway traffic between Germany and Czecho-Slovakia has now been suspended in consequence of the Czech mobilisation.

A communique issued by the administration of the German Railways states that owing to the Czech mobilisation all German railway and customs offices on Czech territory have been closed and the personnel withdrawn in the interest of their safety.—Trans-Ocean.

SINYANG A QUAGMIRE

SINYANG, YESTERDAY.

DESPITE TORRENTIAL RAINS, WHICH ARE TURNING ALL ROADS AND STREETS INTO QUAGMIRES HEAVY CHINESE REINFORCEMENTS ARE BEING RUSHED EASTWARD TO THE LOSHAN SECTOR IN AN EFFORT TO STEM THE JAPANESE ADVANCE ON THE PEIPING - HANKOW RAILWAY.

Local tension is increasing as the Japanese forces approach nearer and nearer to Sinyang which already presents a sad and forsaken appearance.

Loshan, 30 miles east of Sinyang, is said to have already fallen into the hands of the Japanese

The Catholic Mission here states that in addition to Father Kornfeld, a German, Father Macheiner, an Austrian, and Brother Henrich Shubert, a German, are stationed at Loshan.—Reuter.

NO LONGER ALONE

Prague, Yesterday.

Prague shortly after midnight broadcast a statement pointing out that the mobilisation is not a belligerent one but merely a precautionary measure.

France, the broadcast added, is preparing to come to Czecho-Slovakia's assistance in the event of an unprovoked attack which would automatically also bring in the Soviet Union on the Czech side.

The Polish Ambassador in London, according to the broadcast, assured the Foreign Office that Poland has no intention to attack Czecho-Slovakia.

The broadcast concluded with the words: "We are no longer alone." — Trans-Ocean.

LORD HALIFAX SEES KING

London, Yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace this morning, and reported to His Majesty on the latest developments in the European situation.

Large crowds have thronged Whitehall and Downing Street since early morning awaiting the arrival of Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

At noon, Downing Street was closed to the public, and men and women on the pavements stood with placards calling for the reassembling of Parliament.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Opposition leader, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, called at the Czech Legation and offered the deep sympathy of British Labour in the Czecho-Slovakian troubles. — Reuter.

SPATE OF GOALS
VILLA HOLD THE ARSENAL

London, Yesterday.

Heavy scoring featured today's English and Scottish League matches, outstanding feature of which was Aston Villa's great showing against the Champions at Highbury where the visitors managed to hold the Arsenal to a goalless draw.

Everton, the present First Division leaders, sustained a shock at Leeds Road where they went down to Huddersfield by three clear goals.

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	0	Aston Villa	0
Birmingham	1	Preston	3
Blackpool	3	Grimsby	1
Brentford	2	Sunderland	3
Derby	5	Stoke	0
Huddersfield	3	Everton	0
Leicester	0	Bolton	0
Liverpool	3	Leeds	0
Manchester U.	5	Chelsea	1
Middlesbro	4	Charlton	0
Portsmouth	1	Wolves	0

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	3	Manchester C.	3
Bury	3	Chesterfield	1
Fulham	4	Bradford	0
Luton	2	Sheffield U.	0
Millwall	3	Plymouth	0
Newcastle	1	Southampton	0
Norwich	4	Burnley	0
Notts F.	3	Coventry	0
Wednesday	1	Swansea	1
West Brom	4	Tottenham	3
West Ham	6	Tranmere	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Bournemouth	0	Southend	4
Brighton	6	Exeter	1
Bristol R.	1	Cardiff	1
Clapton	1	Bristol C.	1
Newport	1	Aldershot	0
Northampton	2	Notts C.	1
Port Vale	3	Mansfield	0
Reading	2	Ipswich	1
Swindon	3	Watford	0
Torquay	1	Crystal P.	2
Walsall	0	Queen's P.R.	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow	2	Oldham	0
Bradford C.	2	Accrington	1
Chester	2	Barnsley	1
Crewe	6	Lincoln	0
Doncaster R.	4	Darlington	1
Hull	4	Stockport	4
N. Brighton	1	Halifax	0
Rochdale	5	Gateshead	2
Rotherham	5	Hartlepools	1
Southport	7	Carlisle	1
York	1	Wrexham	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Arbroath	3	Rangers	3
Ayr	3	Hearts	1
Celtic	6	Raith	1
Falkirk	4	Hamilton	0
Hibernian	5	Aberdeen	0
Motherwell	2	Queen's Park	0
Patrick	1	Queen O'S.	2
St. Johnstone	3	Clyde	2
St. Mirren	1	Albion	1
Third Lanark	3	Kilmarnock	3

SECOND DIVISION

Airdrie	2	Leith	1
Alloa	4	Stenhousemuir	0
Cowdenbeath	3	Morton	1
Dumbarton	1	Dundee United	0
Dundee	10	Forfar	2
East Fife	7	Edinburgh	1
King's Park	6	Brechin	0
Montrose	4	East Stirling	5
St. Bernards	3	Dunfermline	1

— Reuter.

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

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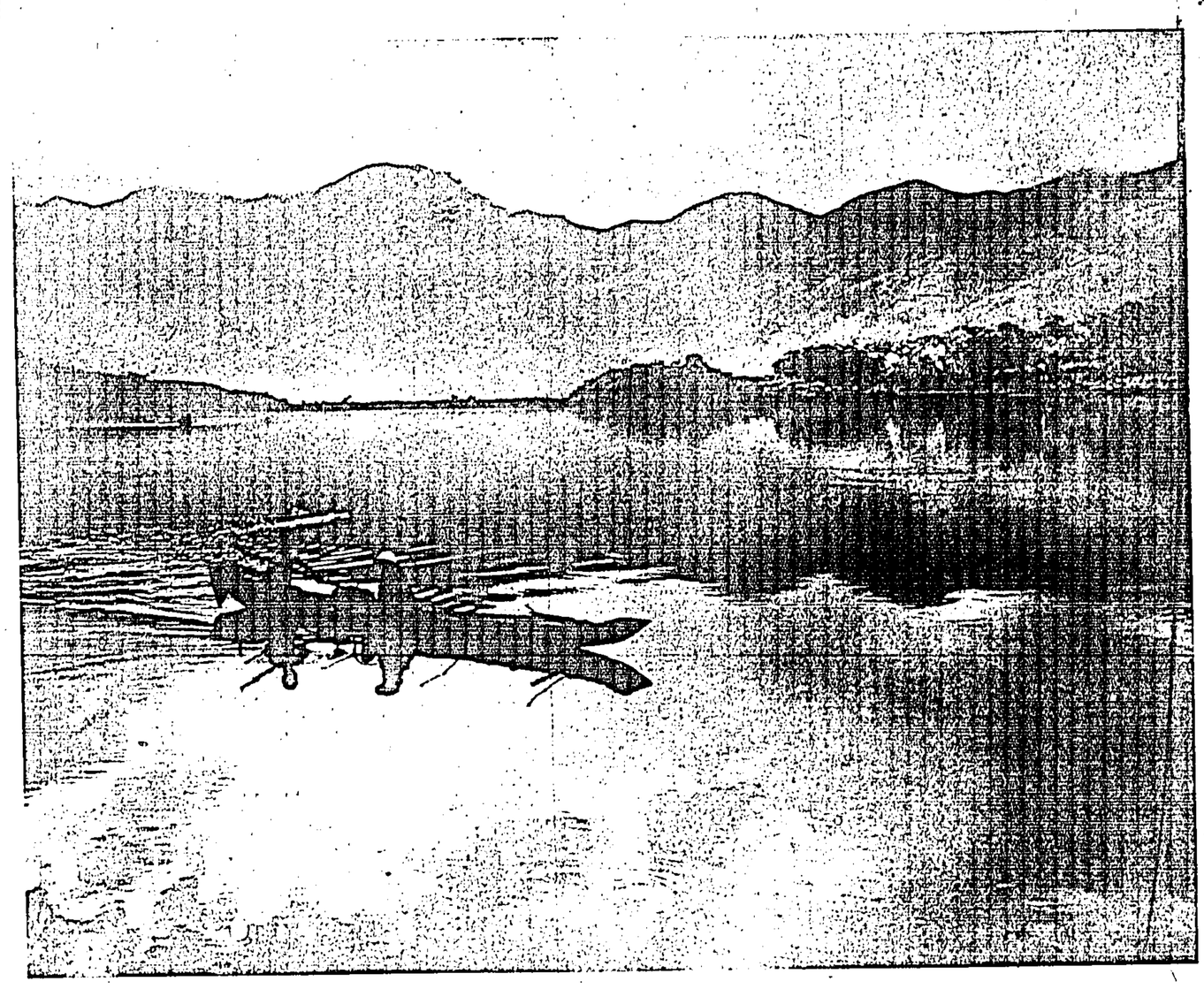
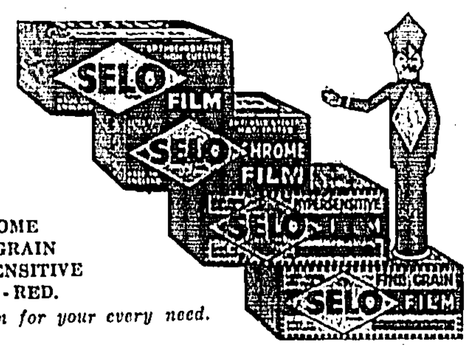


First Prize in the August Voigtlander Competition. Won by Mr. H. K. Yuen, and taken on Illustra Film. Quite unusual effects have been secured in this print. The heavy clouds strike a sombre note which is admirably echoed in the rest of the composition. The touch of human interest added by the sampan and the reflections to this finely rendered landscape have produced a most striking picture.

Now that fashion decrees quadruplets ——— (or even quintuplets!) Selo shows what films can do

Here is the Selo family



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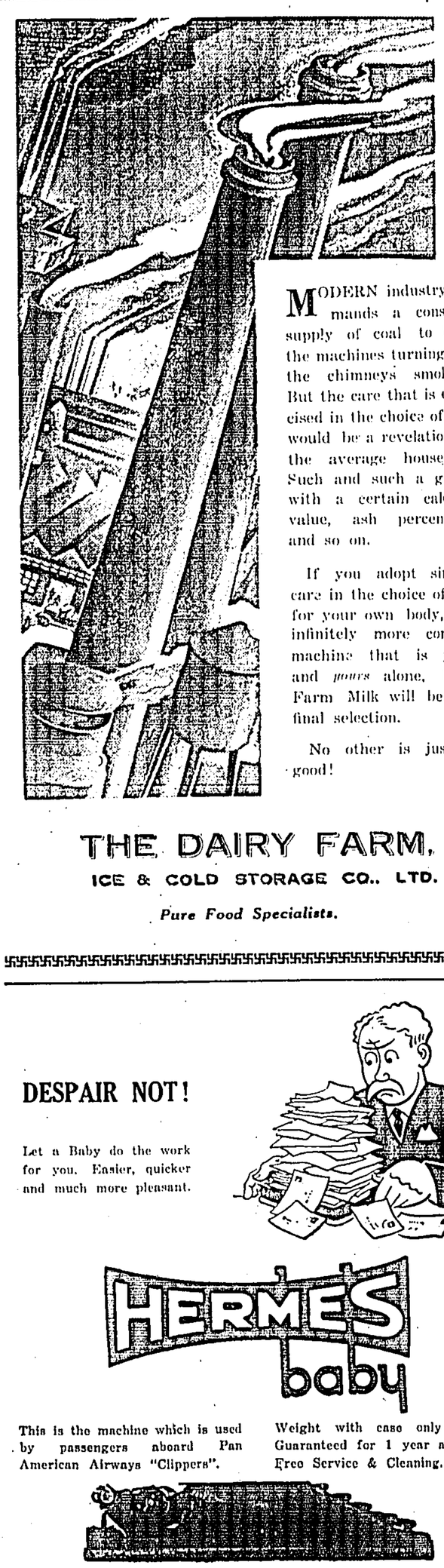

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A Drop Of Comfort To Fashion's Cocktail

NOT ALL WOMEN CAN BE DARING

FAITH, Hope and a lot of Charity are needed if you are to carry off the strapless evening dresses with any degree of certainty.

Although eyebrows may be raised, and the less adventurous among us may be shocked, there is no doubt about it that these evening dresses possess much charm — a charm not wholly inseparable from that very element of risk!

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Most gowns, however, are made with bodices cunningly tailored to give the necessary grip. But what with flowers, and flowers and more flowers, even if your gown is not so constructed, there is a secret whereby you may enjoy this new unguessed at freedom and yet sail through the most vigorous evening without having to call upon that courage which is born of despair.

For that coll spray of drew-decked lilac that cluster of anemones, inky blue, scarlet and purple, will not only caress your shoulder with tender touch, but also serve you nobly. You may ask, how to poise this glowing grace, how to induce it to retain its pose.

* * *

The secret is simple — just plaster! Yes, adhesive plaster, the very same which you apply to that unsightly blister, your inheritance from that seventh green, where you took a mashie from a deceptive lie!

It is the surest solution ever woman struck — and it never lets you down.

However, many of us still prefer our evening gowns to have a more definite support, and for those let me hasten to add a drop of comfort to the cocktail of fashion — shoulder straps, even sleeves are fashionable yet!

But no ensemble can afford to be completed without the addition somewhere, somehow, of flowers. If you don't like flowers as a corsage, try them in your hair. If you haven't the kind of hair which lends itself to floral adornment, try them at your waist, or wear them in the form of glowing ruby neckless interspersed with emeralds and pearls, all designed to look as flowery as possible.

For this is the season of flowers, both in the green world around us, and in the evergreen land of fashion.

The Week's Photography

NEXT MONTH'S SUBJECT:
"CLOUD EFFECTS"

"Sunset", by Rangnar Brodersen.

"A Country Residence", by H. McKay.

"Bird's Eye View," by F. Connor.

By "Lens-Hood"

CORRESPONDENCE

"WHY is glossy paper most suitable for reproduction in the newspaper?" F. C. Hong Kong.

Although reproduction may be carried out on any type of surface glossy paper is invariably requested by the editor of the paper because blocks made on this surface print much more clearly. The actual process of making a block consists of taking a photograph from a photograph, making the new impression on metal instead of paper. If the original picture is on a matt surface the metal block would inevitably show traces of the tiny hairs and rough surface of the paper, with the result that the final reproduction will not be of such a high standard. Further, glossy paper has a much greater tonal range than matt or semi-matt, besides giving much crisper and more accurate detail.

PROBLEM

Now, instead of me solving readers' problems I would be grateful if a reader would send in a solution to the following. A friend of mine complained that he was having difficulty dissolving a fine grain developer—Meritol Metol. The mixture was packed in tubes and while the first dissolved quite rapidly, the second refused to do so. I myself had never used the developer before, so I bought a tin and mixed according to instructions. The first is comparatively easy as my friend had said. The second, produced a horrible treacly black substance with a vile smell. I followed the directions most carefully regarding temperature but could not dissolve the powder.

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Eventually I boiled it—the net result of this was a great increase in smell, one spoiled saucepan and an ultimatum from my wife to the effect that if I didn't give up this wretched photography she would go back to mother!

So, if you do not wish to see "Lens-Hood" in the divorce courts please send along instructions on the mixing and dissolving of the fine grain developer—Meritol Metol.

ENTRIES

Several good pictures were sent in this week and I regret I have not space to reproduce them all. "Bird's Eye View" is an attractive landscape of the rapidly growing "East End" of Hong Kong, there is a good sense of perspective in the hills extending beyond the harbour and general detail is very crisp.

Mr. McKay's print is one of the best efforts at landscape work I have seen for a long time. Composition, balance, gradation, everything is just right and could not be improved upon.

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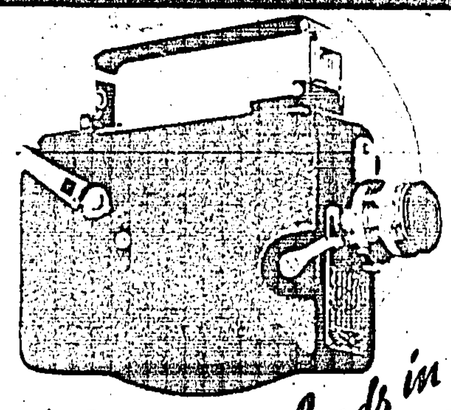

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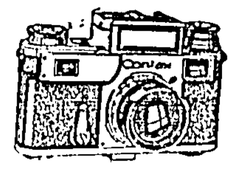

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ROMANCE AT FORTY

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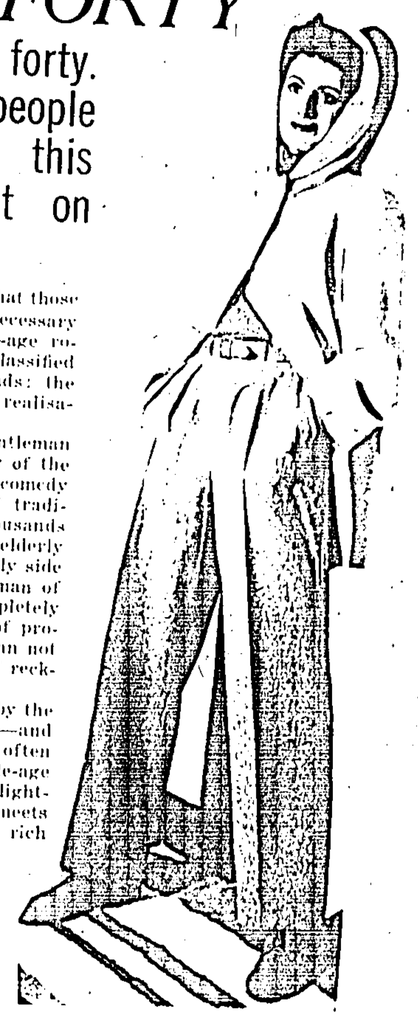

LIFE ends at forty—Life begins at forty. Whatever your viewpoint, few people envisage romance at forty. Read this frank article by a psychiatrist on middle-age love.

FEW of us realise how conventional we really are. We may talk glibly about modern ideas of freedom for the sexes, even in the actual sexual sphere; about having a broad-minded attitude towards all human relationships. But when we ourselves are brought face to face with a personal problem of emancipation, we behave as though we were the outstanding exceptions to all the rules of progress, with the result that we become afraid and timid.

THIS timidity is more apparent in the middle-aged than in the young. Youth is bold, craves expression, and demands satisfaction however great the cost. By the time middle-age is reached we have stored up considerable experience. We are not only mature in years but also ripe in judgment. We have lived; we have found the art of living difficult; we have learned of the many pitfalls that lie in wait for the unwary. Particularly in the field of love have we observed scores of marriages going on the rocks and scores of romances turned to bitter disappointment. Therefore the middle-aged sweetheart says to himself or herself, "Remember, once bitten, twice shy. This new feeling that has come to me seems genuine, but can I really trust it?"

A great part of this wariness is based on a biological fallacy. It is a fallacy to believe that the sex appetite in women dimnishes or disappears after the menopause. Likewise it is a fallacy to believe that, although the reproductive periods of the male lasts longer than that of the female, it should decline in vigour and in a corresponding way after the age of forty-five. Menopause changes of a kind can be discerned in men but the very fact that the sex urge tend to be less insistent on the physiological level brings into play in many men a corresponding overcompensation on the physic level. A man in his late forties frequently exhibits a much more passionate nature than he did in his youth.

BOTH sexes, however, seem to take stock of themselves when middle life is reached. If they have been conventional they are likely deliberately to avoid any stimulus from outside that actually arouses them physically, or they will permit only novels, plays, etc., to stir them into a sublimated response. Men, being less hampered by the conventions, are likely to take the greater risks. Male philandering in middle-age and even old age is quite a common practice, but it is generally shamefaced and hidden. The point, however, is that men and women in the forties and fifties, even sometimes in the sixties, should face the fact their sex life and love are still alive, and factors to be reckoned with.

EXPERIENCE shows that those who have had the necessary courage to give middle-age romance a fling, can be classified under three general heads: the comedies, the successful realisations, and the tragedies.

The bald-headed gentleman who sits in the front row of the stalls at every musical comedy show, the "sugar daddy" tradition of America, and thousands of jokes concerning elderly lovers, illustrate the comedy side of what can happen to a man of forty or fifty who completely loses his head, his sense of proportion, and more often than not his money, for the sake of reckless middle-age passion.

When true love is found by the middle-aged man or woman—and it does happen far more often than people realise middle-age romance can be the most delightful of all. Each partner meets such a love with the full, rich experience of life, with sympathy, understanding, wisdom and good sense. Neither one builds silly castles in the air because the days of farfetched illusions are past. Just such a case was that of Mr. Y. and Miss W. Y. had been a bachelor for forty-six years and W. a spinster for almost as long.

Both had given up the idea of marriage; both were pursuing their respective careers with success and a measure of happiness; neither were actually seeking romance and both were surprised to discover, on that particular cruise to the West Indies when it suddenly sprang into being, that they were capable of being roused to such ardent emotional responses. Yet the tropic scenery and the moonlight did it for them, just as it might have done had circumstances been otherwise when they were in their twenties. And the love that flowered between them undoubtedly was a far richer and more glorious experience than it could have been when the emotions of each were raw, sensual and impetuous and lacking in genuine idealism and depth.

Inasmuch as middle-age romance is an insistent emotional urge, the real danger lies in the tragedy that may occur when this newly discovered feeling usurps the intellect and sends good judgment to the dogs. Recently, a man of sterling character, with a wife and grown son, became infatuated with a woman who was employed in the same office. He was manager, she was secretary to one of the department heads. She was a divorcee of about forty, evidently anxious to make another catch before it was too late. She saw how the manager felt towards her and lost no opportunity to play up to him until he fell desperately in love with her.

The man worshipped his son, had always been essentially a home man and, although he said he had never really loved his wife, she was the mother of the being he cherished, and the thought of breaking up his home was more than he could stand. So when the other woman would urge him to get a divorce, he would plead for time and more time. Finally, he became ill, had to stay at home. The other woman would ring him up, make excuses for calling at his house with business letters. People began to talk, and whispers reached his wife and son. Bitterness developed all round. The woman was dismissed and prevailed upon to leave the district. Shortly afterwards the man—only forty-five years old—shot himself.

THIS case is of course an extreme one. Yet it happens often enough even though the end may not be death itself. Many men and women who to the outside world and sometimes in themselves, have been happily married for years, suddenly find that they are totally overwhelmed by a pretty face, an appealing figure, culture, or social position. Cases such as these, where it is evident that a romantic escapade can only spell disaster to all, are problems for the psychiatrist to solve. Usually some unconscious complex, repression or inner conflict is the cause, and of which the obessed one is unaware.

YET for the majority romantic love during and past middle life is excellent. The second blooming is called forth by nature and what nature demands can never be shameful or diseased. Even when men and women pay for it, they are not the fools that the world would have them be. The woman who purchase romance from a gigolo is doing so because she has never been able to find the real love, affection and understanding for which she, in common with all human beings, has been continually seeking all her life.

What Is't You Do? - - - - Macbeth

A disarming smile. Posed by Gladys Pollard and photographed by Otis Stoker, one of America's cleverest 'Still-men', now on a visit to Hong Kong.

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By VICTOR S. MAMAK

NO words could better describe a Witch than the above lines of Shakespeare in his immortal Play—*Macbeth*. If you have ever seen the play on screen or stage, it won't be difficult to bring to your mind the faces of the three Witches. No one knows the "origin" of these creatures as they exist in fiction rather than in real life. The very word means *'wicked'* and applies to an old hag supposed to have formed a compact with the Devil.

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Apply the putty to the nose before starting to make-up. For greater security, for playing in a long part, a little spirit gum can be applied to the nose and raw cotton stuck to it; the putty will adhere to the cotton.

With lightly creamed fingers, pat, push downward and upward from the sides, and smooth until you get the nose desired. There must be no ridge left about the edge of the putty to reveal where real nose and the putty meet. This applies not only to the top and sides, but underneath the nose and nostrils.

After the nose is shaped satisfactorily, proceed to form cheeks and chin to the manner desired, observing the most important rule not to leave any ridge about the edge of the putty.

Apply little cold cream to the parts of the face free of putty. Use *Max Factor's No. 5* grease paint for foundation. Apply it all over the face and neck, including the putty. The foundation grease paint used on the face will, very likely, look a different shade on the putty. Take some of your foundation grease paint on your finger; apply the colour to the putty nose, blend in a lighter or darker shade of paint in order to secure a hue harmonizing with the rest of the face. For wrinkles, use No. 2 lining colour of the above make. Highlight all wrinkles with No. 11 of the same make, also for emphasising the prominent parts of the face. An indention scar may be made on one of the cheeks (as shown in the picture), by making a crease in the putty on the desired spot and lining it with Max Factor's lining colour No. 9, and highlighting it with No. 11.

When all lines are added and properly highlighted, apply Face powder No. 7R. It should be applied very lightly for setting this make-up. After a couple of minutes, remove the powder lightly with the face brush.

THE HAIR

The hair must be disarranged. Apply hair-whitener liberally. The effect will be very natural. Hair whitener dries very quickly and will not come off until washed with warm water and soap.

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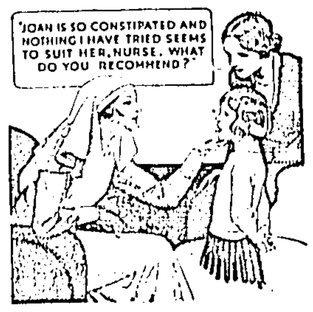
The lip line should be very undecided, in fact total absence will be very effective.

This make-up, although troublesome, is very interesting and the result is astounding.



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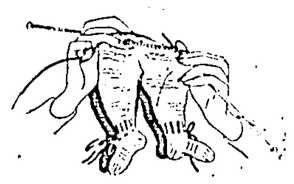

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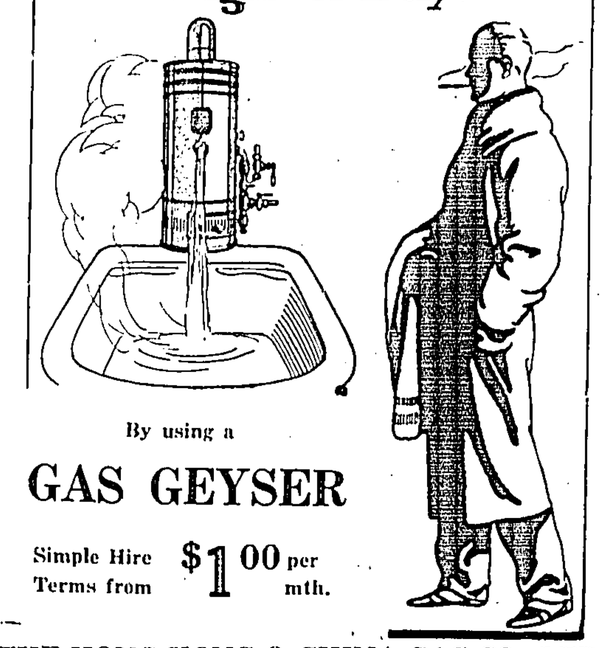

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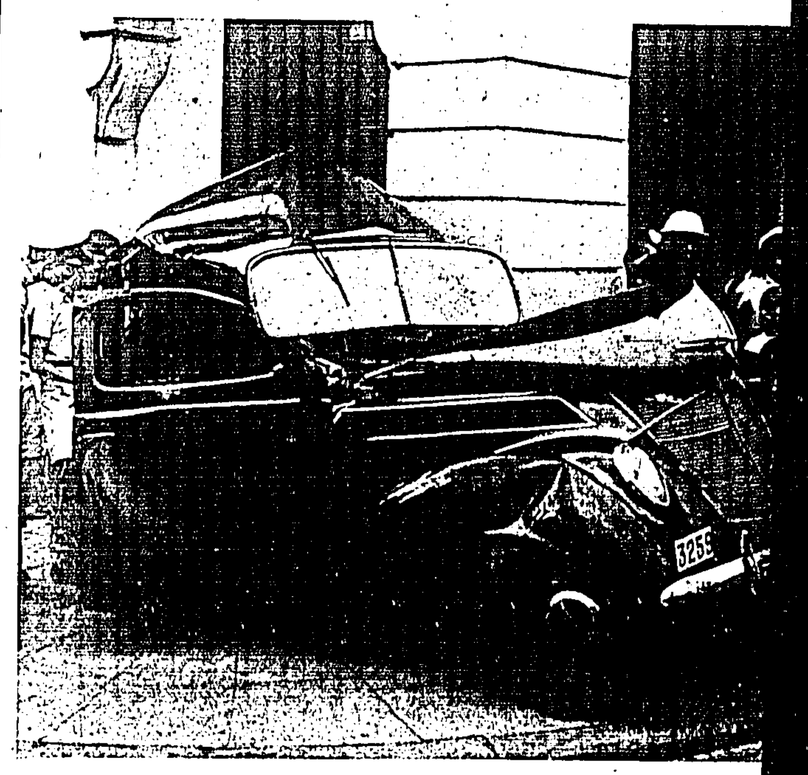

A curious crowd surrounded the Ford V8 car which crashed with fatal results to Nathan Road.

l party at the Police and Prisons De-al aquatic sports. In the picture are the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, h, Mr. T. H. King and Commander G.

Prince Louis Ferdinand and his bride, Princess Kyra, passed through the Colony last week. Here the Princess is seen being presented with a bouquet by the manager of Repulse Bay Hotel.

(At left)—Dr. Choh Ming-li and his bride, the former Miss Sylvia Lu, after their wedding last week. (d'Asis Studio).

Madame Sun Yat-sen (centre) who was among those who welcomed the Indian ambulance unit.

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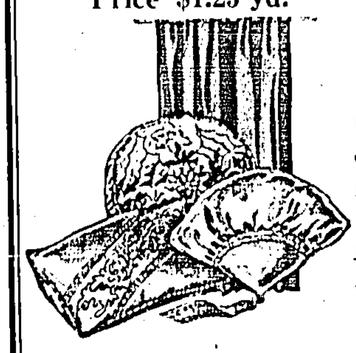

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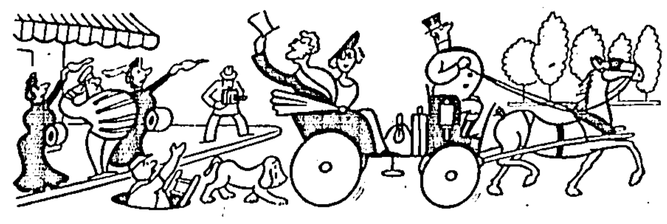


WE were in Marienbad, Czechoslovakia, to take our first cure; and as we drove to the hotel in an ancient open carriage we looked about with a vague idea that we should see people being propelled in wheel chairs. It was both comforting and faintly disappointing that everyone seemed normal. Out-of-door cafes and terrace restaurants were bright with summer dresses under gaudy sun umbrellas; people were getting into charabancs marked Cafe Something and Etablissement Something Else — we later discovered that these were elaborate eating places scattered through the forests.

While we were still unpacking our little Czech doctor paid us his first visit. He came tearing into the room, then as subsequently, with a cheery cry of "Hello, hello, hello." If he knew our names he gave no sign of it, then or later. Bob, my husband, was "the big fellow;" I was "the little leddy." "So, now, who is the patient?" he asked. We both were. We had no definite ailment though. We were just tired.

Bob's cure proved to be a little, easy one, not to be compared wth mine. But it kept him busy and contented all that month, and shrank him visibly and rapidly to athletic proportions. He lost 18 pounds, in fact, and one of my incessant duties was to photograph this transformation (everybody in Marienbad gets photographed continually). On very feeble rations, two starchless, saltless dishes at each meal, he was obliged to play four energetic sets of tennis every morning and climb a minor mountain every afternoon.

There are 90 miles of forest walks around Marienbad, all carefully planned for invalids of varying degrees, with benches every 100 feet or so, shelters at half-mile intervals, and thin stripes of colour painted on strategic tree trunks to indicate the grade. These forests are gorgeous, dense and weird as forests should be, cathedral arched with giant trees through which sunlight filters down in silver drops on glades and many little streams. Now and then you hear music drifting sweetly from the terraces of hidden restaurants.

At elevenses Bob hastened blithely to the mammoth marble *Moorbad*, or Mud Bath, and there was immersed for half an hour

- By C.E.P. -

in a tubful of something like a vast warm chocolate pudding. He looked like chocolate cream when he emerged and had to be defrosted with a hose. I, meanwhile, was taking baths in silver bubbles.

My cure was so dramatic that it had to have a prologue called a Milk Day of 24 hours, and a Dry Day of 12 hours, before it could even start. I can't explain why, but everything about the cure was fun. The very spectacle of several thousand grown-up people of a dozen nationalities united in one solemn habit was diverting. We all had walking sticks and comfortable dusty shoes, and little maps that were supposed to guide us through the woods. We all had good, gray doctors watching over us like fond papas, to whom we ran with every twinge. In countless little numbered rooms we were put into metal tubs by uniformed attendants who wished us "*Guten Bad*" and left us sitting there with cold compresses balanced on our heads. We ate and drank what we were told, burying our noses in our diet lists at restaurants with all the tense absorption of heirs perusing wills. We repaired to quiet corners and lay in deck chairs, for hours with our eyes closed, never reading, seldom even thinking.

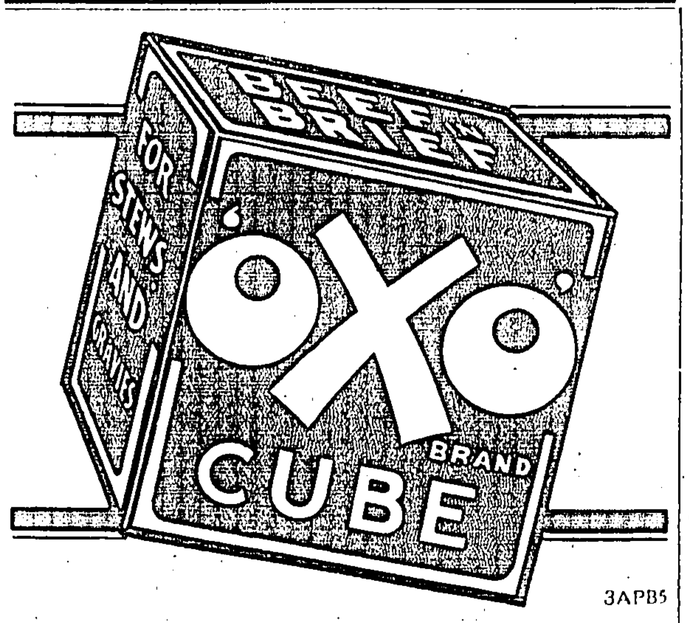
And late every afternoon, the whole 5000 of us foregathered in one place, dressed to kill, to Take the Waters. On a broad, tree-shaded promenade between two springhouses in a green park you saw us all, to the last apoplectic Munich brewer, liverish Englishman, or hypochondriac from Belgium, Brazil, or Boston, Mass. While the band played, a mighty band of 60 pieces, united we sat sipping on the phalanxes of benches, united we stood or walked up and down, imbibing slowly. Whether we stood or walked or sat depended on our doctors' orders, which were explicit. My own six-o'clock instructions read: "Kreuzbrunnen water, 150 grams hot, 150 grams cold, mixed. Drink at spring. Blow the water through the tube to remove gases before drinking. Drink sitting down, taking about 5 minutes. Afterward walk 10 minutes (but not uphill). Carriage to hotel (do not walk). Rest in bed 6:30-7:30."

During the watering hour, all entrances were barred with ropes and guarded by officials in red arm bands, and you had to have a ticket even to approach the sacred springs. Excursionists from other places came, with popping eyes, to gape at us. Rival cure takers from Karlsbad, 30 miles away, drove over to see how we were making out. The promenade became packed with fashionable Parisiennes, Teutons with bullet heads, tweed Englishmen, apple-cheeked *Hausfrauen* in embroidered dresses, diplomats, demimondaines, opera singers, Indian maharajahs and all sorts of other titles, photographers with clicking cameras, professional dancing partners from the restaurants and hotels, with unexpected wives and even offspring who, when nudged, made pretty curtsies to their fathers passing clients.

Only the doctors were absent. They, presumably, were resting—while they could.

This was the cure. I am reluctant to admit that at first you feel rather worse than better. But the seasoned addicts have a saying that any cure you give yourself in summer is a Christmas present, and Bob and I can echo this. It was exactly our experience: September, fair; October, definitely improved; November, fine and dandy; December, marvellous,

We still keep well, thank you. We haven't been so fit in years, in fact. Even August in Hong Kong didn't faze us. And now, if Europe will only behave, we'll soon be off to take another cure. We're addicts, you see.



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EVEN the most seasoned of Hollywood's Film Troupers are susceptible to "Thespian Jitters" in front of the all seeing eye of the camera.

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JACK OAKIE, devil may care star, breaks out with a nervous perspiration while waiting to make his entrance.

BARBARA STANWYCK stands nervously impatient, tapping her left foot.

W. C. FIELDS mumbled off that old jingling test of enunciation—"She Sells Sea Shells on the Sea Shore"—and then went on to argue with himself regarding what this lady was going on the seashore, why she wanted to sell the sea shells, whether the sea shells were honestly acquired, or had been swindled out of an unsuspecting dupe, and so on, right up to the W. C. Field's appearance before the camera.

JEAN ARTHUR in like circumstances, whistles "The Prisoner's Song" almost soundlessly.

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WARREN WILLIAMS pops his knuckles.

WARNER BAXTER pops popcorn.

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OUR TURN NEXT?

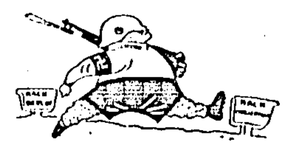
ENGLISH Jews are just beginning to get frightened. If a country as civilised and progressive as Germany could embark on medieval frightfulness, why might it not happen in England? Jews were not surprised that Hitler would use anti-Semitism for political capital, but that so large a majority of the German people swallowed his doctrine, hook, line and sinker. Now that England has decided to leave the Czechs to their fate and seek an accord with Berlin, Jews are asking themselves if anti-Semitism is going to become popular throughout the world.

IN every country men are talking more about the Jewish problem than they have since the Dreyfus case. Anti-Jewish agitation is rife everywhere; and even among those who would not dream of any overt act or word there is an undoubted increase, if not of anti-Semitism, at any rate in wondering whether Hitler may have some justice on his side.

UNBIASSED experts who have studied our problem, say that it does not exist. The suggestion that Jews in the British Empire function as a class is a popular generalisation and about as near the truth as Taffy is a thief. There is nothing Jews fear more than forming a minority nationality in England or her dependencies. For 2000 years it has been the ambition of every Jew to be recognised as a person and not as a member of a class.

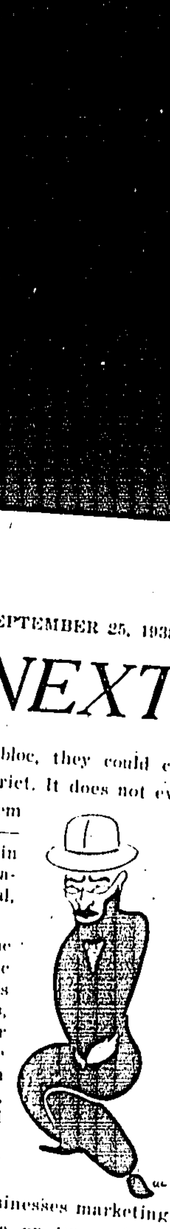
IN the Middle Ages the Jew was forced to live in ghettos, wear a distinctive dress, and limit his economic activities. All his struggles were designed to free him. His ambition was to become absorbed into the general community. Why should he then, in England, where he has achieved political and economic freedom not as a member of a class but as an individual, take a single step to prejudice his position by adopting the ghetto attitude.

IN point of fact, there is hardly a large-scale enterprise owned by Jews that does not employ as many Gentiles as Jews. There are firms which were founded and are controlled by Jews, but there are no important concerns which prove that Jews stand solidly together.



WHEN Mussolini began his persecution, a prominent Gentile asked a Jewish professor why no Jew had the courage to arise and speak for his oppressed race as a whole? The professor explained that it was not a matter of courage. "We have no one to lead us," he said," because we do not want a leader." The Jew does not require leadership. He has nothing to be led to. As an Englishman he may be a Conservative, a Liberal, a Trade Unionist, or a Communist. He is content to take his place in the political life of his country, and like Hore-Belisha, Sir John Simon and Lord Reading, often plays a prominent part; but as an Englishman and nbt as a Jew.

NO one in England can say that he is able to direct or influence the Jewish vote. There are Jews in all parties. In the East End of London if the Jews voted in a bloc, they could control the district. It does not even occur to them to do that—they are not in politics, national or local, as Jews.



AS to the economic life of this country, Jews, play a minor role. They are prominent in the cinema, theatrical, and amusement world. They own a good many retail businesses marketing soft goods, one or two private banks, and have a fair share of the tobacco trade. They have completely lost whatever position they had in commercial banking. Not one of the big five is directed by a Jew. In none of the basic industries—steel, coal, iron, electrical appliances, shipbuilding—are Jews dominant, and in most instances they are hardly important.

FAR from being in control, the social discrimination to which Jews are subjected to ultimately means economic discrimination. It becomes increasingly difficult for Jews to hold number one executive positions in large concerns, because the fillers of these posts must be socially acceptable to be efficient. To exclude all but the artistically famous Jews from clubs is to exclude them from business opportunities, for, although it is supposed to be bad form to talk shop in a club, everyone does it.

DECENT Jews do not try to crash the gate. Others change their name, join Christian churches and pass as Gentiles. Some of them get away with it, but most of them are ridiculous. The true Jew resent the conduct and attitude of these passing Jews more than he does the social discriminations. The prejudice in England is not against the Jews who are Jews, but against Jews who pass as other things. The passing Jew is a coward. He is ashamed of his heritage and embittered because his disguise is thin. Real Jews are a proud people, who regard exclusion not a personal but as a racial, a religious attack. And for their faith they have suffered in the past, and they can now suffer as no other people. The survival of the Jew through the centuries has been due to the purification of therace by the ordeal of social and economic discrimination.

JEWS realise that two roads are open to equality: the amassing of money, and the cultivation of talent. The wealthy Jew can, if he finds life awkward in one country, move to another, though that is becoming increasingly difficult to-day. In England which shelters Einstein and Epstein, racial experience has proved that the Jew of intellectual preeminence and artistic genius finds life pleasanter than the Jew of wealth.

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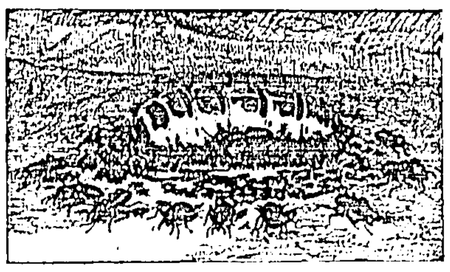

SHE is one thousand times bigger than her subjects. Her corselet sunk in fat, her tiny legs useless, she is incapable of the slightest movement, and never leaves the royal palace. The only aristocrat in a republic of millions (her consort is chosen from the masses), she commands a large army of formidable-looking, well trained soldiers, and is the enemy of democracies and autocracies alike.

A mystic influence in the dark recesses of the earth, she is responsible for the entire reproduction of her people, and during her reign bears anything from a hundred to two hundred million offspring, displaying the most prodigious abdominal development to be found in the world of insects, a world in which nature is liberal enough with monstrosities.

Living in a vast, murky dome, surrounded by thousands of adoring subjects, her life is one long nuptial. Her consort, a shabby, undersized, furtive fellow, hides beneath her gigantic belly, while hundreds of workers cluster round her insatiable mouth, feeding her with the pap it is her royal privilege to receive. At the other end of her flabby person another crowd tend the oviduct, and wash and carry away the eggs as they drop out. In the midst of this incessant labour, little soldiers keep the turbulent crowd in order, whilst ringed round the royal sanctuary, in perfect military formation, stand picked warriors, their razor sharp mandibles a deadly threat to the intruder.

Blind, she rules over the blind. The termite or white ant is the most poorly equipped of the insects for the struggle for life. It has neither sting nor armour. As a rule it has no wings, and those species which are endowed with the power of flying lose their wings on their first flight. Slow moving, devoid of camouflage, it cannot escape danger by flight or guile. An easy prey to every bird and reptile that likes its flesh, it is nevertheless superior in intellect to most of its enemies. Like man, it has been able to organise, to fortify its positon, to proved for the future, and to multiply indefinitely.

The subjects of the Queen of the Underworld are divided into four classes. The social and economic organisation of her people is complex and similar to that of man. First in national importance but not privilege, come the workers. These members of society live for only six weeks, three weeks of infancy, and three weeks of a non-stop working life. Timid, oppressed by their constant labour, they have no voice in the political life of the community. There are a great number of these workers, they outnumber the soldiers by eight to one, and they alone are able to eat and digest. They are the collective stomach of the population, and act as larders to the rest of the community. When a termite of another class feels hungry, it taps a passing worker with its antenna, and the worker gives whatever it may have in its stomach to the petitioner.

Second in importance comes the soldier. The soldier is the executive member of the race and never works; he acts as a sort of overseer, directs the workers in their labours, and gives protection to the Queen and her subjects. He seems to know no fear, and armed with a pair of lobster-like pincers will fight to the death. The pincers, tough as steel, are so heavy as to be disproportionate, and the soldier termite unable to handle its own food, has to be mouth-fed by the workers.

Other termites act as nurses. Their duties are to accept the eggs from the workers in attendance on the Queen, place them in the cells for incubation, and when they are hatched, tend the young until they are sufficiently mature enough to take their places in the ranks of the workers or the soldiers.

Last but not least, for from their class comes the Queen, are the youths and maidens. They are the perfect termite, male and female; the only ones with wings and a sex. Voluptuaries, they live a life of idleness, fed by the workers, guarded by the soldiers, until one warm day in Spring, when the underground citadel is opened at a thousand places, and a million wings mount to the blue in a moment of ecstacy.

Luckily for mankind and the citizens of Hongkong in particular, the vast majority never achieve the destiny for which they have been reared. The nuptial flight ends in death and frustration; only one or two achieve union and found a new dynasty. In the hot and tropical part of the world there is no family of insects whose members wage such an unceasing war against the works of man. House are gnawed from the top to bottom, and crumble to the ground. Furniture, linen, paper, clothes, shoes, provisions; wood, grass—all disappear.

Nothing is proof against their ravages, which have something uncanny or supernatural about them, as they are always wrought in secret, and become manifest only at the sudden moment of disaster. Huge trees, concrete fortifications, tins of preserves, glass, lead piping, are bored, worn away, or rasped by their activities. In the Congo they ate the shirt off the back of an Entomologist; in Ferrol they sunk a Spanish warship; in the Antilles they won a battle for the English because they destroyed the French magazines and put the batteries and munitions out of action. Tales of their misdeeds are legion and would fill a book.

All this work of destruction is accomplished without a living creature being seen and performed in silence. The only way they can be defeated is the destruction of the Queen. The occult power that rules over all, the moment she is destroyed, activity lessens, order degenerates into anarchy, and in a short time the relentless insects die.

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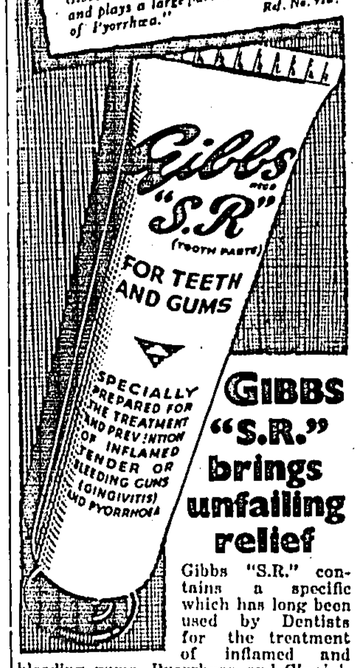

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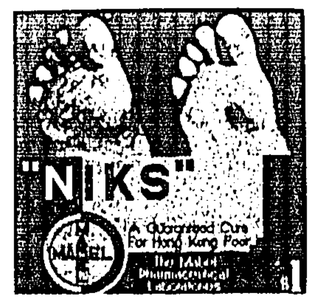
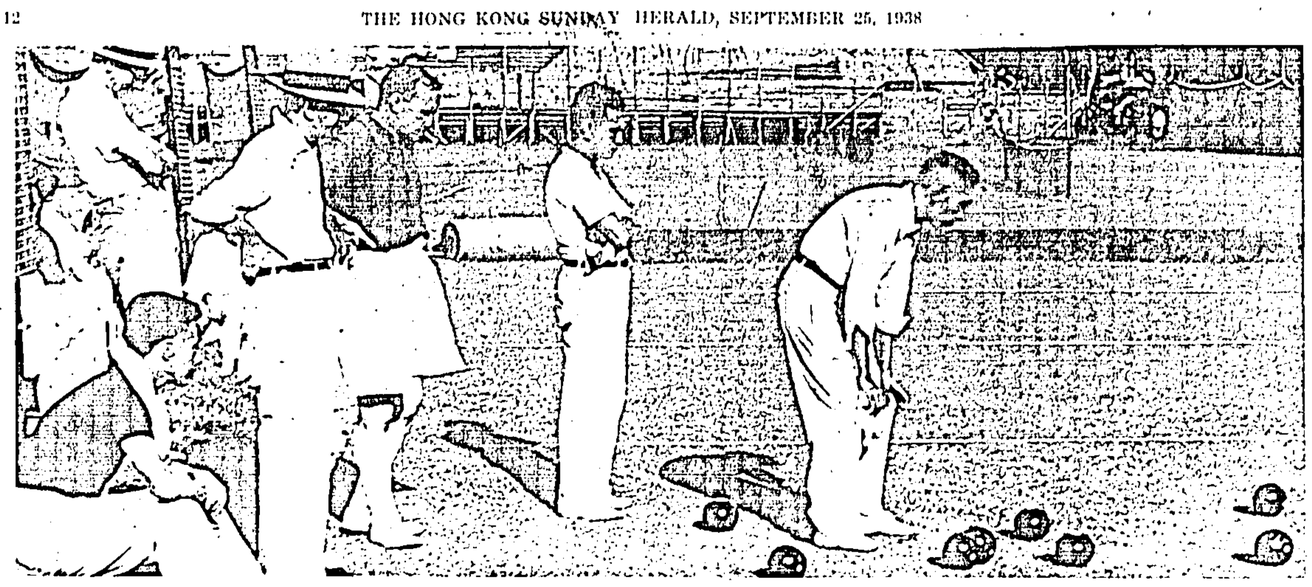
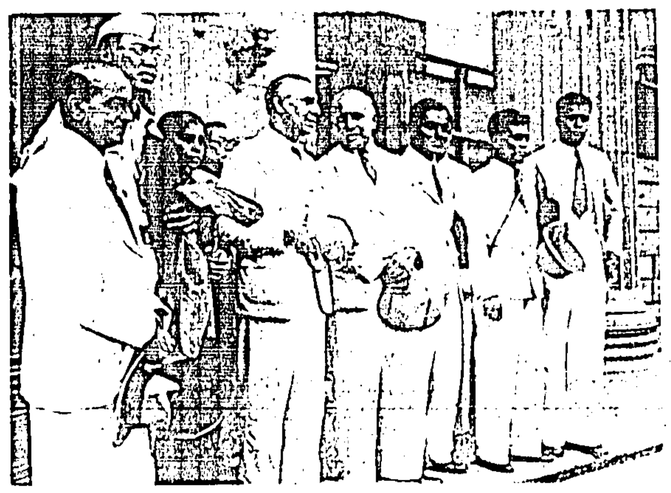
A Chalk sketch, by George Arnold, local artist, of Major D. C. Chopra, popular Army medico who left for India on the Santhia, after three years stay in Hong Kong.



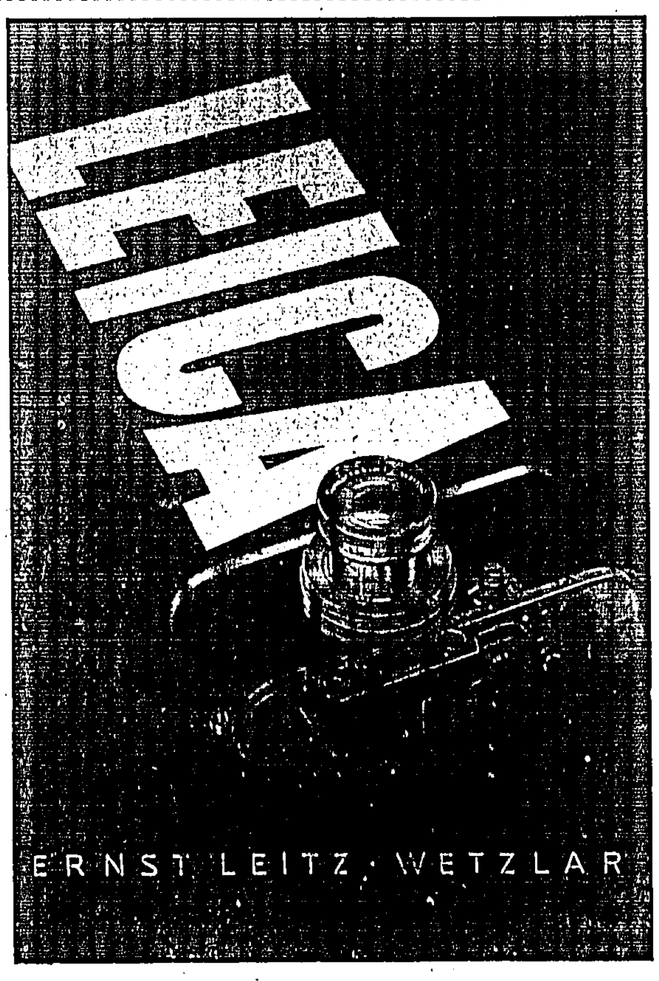


Portugal beat Scotland for the first time to win the Gutierrez Shield. Above is a scene during the match.

Mass meeting at Kweilin, the Kwangsi capital, on September 9. The meeting passed resolutions appealing to the League to aid China by imposing Sanctions against Japan.



Members of the Indian ambulance unit photographed in Canton last week.



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A snap during the Police and Prisons Department annual aquatic sports.